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To: All Branches

Dear Colleagues,

Sarah Newton Appointed as New Chair of the Health & Safety Executive (HSE):

The Department for Work and Pensions has appointed Sarah Newton as Chair of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Board. The appointment commenced on 1 August 2020 and is a five year posting. She will replace Martin Temple at the conclusion of his term.

Sarah Louise Newton (59), FRSA is a former British Conservative Party politician. She was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Truro and Falmouth in 2010 and re-elected in 2015 and 2017. In November 2017, she became the Minister of State for Disabled People. Prior to that, Newton was a Minister in the Home Office and a Minister at the Department of Work and Pensions, where she worked with the HSE and led the Health and Work Unit. Amongst other responsibilities while at the Home Office she was involved in work on tackling modern slavery, human trafficking and human exploitation. Newton stood down as an MP in November 2019.

Before entering the House of Commons, she was Director of the International Longevity Centre (UK), Age Concern England and American Express Europe. She also served as a Councillor in the London Borough of Merton. She was educated at Falmouth Comprehensive School and Kings College London. She won a Rotary International postgraduate scholarship in the USA. She is married with 3 children.

Yours sincerely



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