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Dear colleague,

HMICFRS Update – FRS Inspections Portfolio Director

I am writing to let you know that I will be moving on from the FRS Portfolio Director role in August.

I will be handing over to my successor, Richard Jolley, through August and he will start full time in the role on his return from leave on Monday 4th September. Roy and I are delighted to welcome Richard to the role.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you all for the support you have given me during my time as Portfolio Director for FRS inspections. It has been a privilege to work with you all and to be part of the work of the fire and rescue sector. I am also extremely proud of the contribution that we have made as an inspectorate.

Finally, I would like to make one last familiar plea to you all. Please continue to support your staff to take up secondments to the inspectorate. The experience and knowledge that secondees bring is hugely important to our work, and our team succeeds because of the range of skills and experience we have access to. I also know, from many of those that have worked here, that time in the inspectorate provides a unique development opportunity, particularly for those who have the potential to progress to more senior roles. I therefore very much believe that this is to the benefit of everyone involved.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Hill (by email)

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