

Interim Director appointed to lead the Serious Fraud Office

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Graham McNulty will take over as Interim Director in April.

Graham McNulty has been appointed to lead the Serious Fraud Office as Interim Director.

He will take over from Nick Ephgrave QPM on his retirement at the beginning of April.

Mr McNulty, who joined the SFO as Chief Operating Officer in September 2024, was appointed after a process overseen by the Attorney General's Office.

Graham McNulty said:

It is a tremendous privilege to lead the Serious Fraud Office.

We have a year of significant milestones ahead and I know colleagues share my energy to continue delivering great results.

The Solicitor General Ellie Reeves MP said:

Graham McNulty brings vast experience in law enforcement, and I am confident he is well placed to lead SFO through this important period.

I look forward to working with Graham and the rest of his senior leadership team. I know he will ensure the SFO continues to deliver on its vital agenda for the public and business community, building on Nick's Ephgrave's previous work.

Claire Bassett, Chair of the Board, said:

Graham's extensive law enforcement experience means he is well placed to deliver our strategy and build on recent swifter investigations and outcomes.

I look forward to supporting him and the senior team in the coming months as the Serious Fraud Office navigates an exciting year.

Since joining the Serious Fraud Office, Mr McNulty has been responsible for overseeing the implementation of its first case management system, technological innovation including further uses of AI and preparing for a move to Canary Wharf.

He has extensive experience as a senior law enforcement leader and investigator in combatting fraud and economic crime following a 31-year career in policing in the Metropolitan and Hampshire forces.

As Deputy Assistant Commissioner, he led the Met's Serious and Organised Crime Command responsible for areas including economic crime, kidnap, homicide and drug trafficking.

Prior to this he held the local policing portfolio, leading officers responsible for neighbourhood policing, emergency response and local investigations across London's 32 boroughs.

From 2018 to 2023, he held a number of National Police Chiefs' Council lead roles for areas including county lines, knife crime, gangs and informants.

In 2022 he was awarded the Queen's Police Medal, which recognises highly distinguished service.

His first day as Interim Director will be Monday, 6 April.

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