

New Chief Officer for Scottish Police Authority appointed



The Scottish Police Authority (SPA) has announced the appointment of Kenneth Hogg as its new Chief Officer.

Mr Hogg joins the SPA on a 12-month secondment from the Scottish Government, where he is currently Director for Local Government and Communities.

The appointment follows a decision by the SPA Board in August to refocus the SPA's most senior officer role on its core governance and accountable officer responsibilities, and with its operational responsibilities for Forensic Services reporting directly to the Authority's Board.

Mr Hogg has over 25 years of experience in the civil service in Scotland, including senior roles in policy areas dealing with policing and security, local government, and health.

He will take up post on 13 November, ahead of the departure of outgoing SPA Chief Executive John Foley.

SPA Chair Andrew Flanagan said: "Kenneth Hogg is a highly skilled and experienced leader, and we are delighted to have secured him as our Chief Officer. He has a strong track-record in public service reform, financial accountability, engaging diverse stakeholders, encouraging participation and collaboration, and motivating and developing strong teams in high-profile areas of public service. All those capabilities fit well with the demands that come with the Chief Officer role, and it is of additional benefit that he has first-hand experience of the reforms to policing which underpin the

structure and organisations we have today.

“I want to again pay tribute to the commitment and valued service that John Foley has given to the SPA and policing over what has been a period of unprecedented change. We wish him well for the future.”

Kenneth Hogg added: “I am delighted to have been appointed to this role, and am looking forward to working with colleagues across policing and the wide range of stakeholders and communities for whom this public service is so important.”