

New Chief Nursing Officer appointed

Health Secretary hails “excellent leadership.”

Professor Alex McMahon has been appointed Scotland’s Chief Nursing Officer.

He has been carrying out the role on an interim basis since October, and will now take up the position on a substantive basis for up to three years, following an external recruitment process. Professor McMahon had previously worked as Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals for NHS Lothian.

Health Secretary Humza Yousaf said: “I welcome the appointment of Alex McMahon as Chief Nursing Officer.” He brings a wealth of experience and excellent leadership to this key position as we continue to face up to the challenges of the Covid pandemic.

“I know he will work collaboratively with health and social care staff across the country as we continue to remobilise NHS Scotland and ensure people access the right care, in the right place.

“With his strong professional background and I am confident he will help drive our work to get the health service back on track after the challenges of the past year.”

Professor McMahon said: “I am delighted to take up the role of

Chief Nursing Officer."Our workforce have been at the heart of Scotland's response to the pandemic and we know the challenges everyone working across our NHS and social care sector face as we head into one of the toughest winters in recent times.

"I have been struck by the dedication and commitment of our health and social care staff during the past two months and pay tribute to their efforts during this unprecedented time."