

Public Appointments - Pre-Appointment Scrutiny

Pre-appointment scrutiny by select committees applies to specific appointments, against criteria set out in the [Cabinet Office Guidance](#).

For these posts, the added level of scrutiny of the overall process provides an additional safeguard to verify that the recruitment meets the principles set out in the [Governance Code on Public Appointments](#).

The below list of posts are those that the Government considers to be subject to pre-appointment scrutiny.

Regulated Public Appointments, subject to Pre-Appointment Scrutiny

Attorney General

- HM Chief Inspector of the Crown Prosecution Service

Department for Business and Trade

- Chair of the Competition and Markets Authority
- Groceries Code Adjudicator
- Chair of the Regulatory Policy Committee

Cabinet Office

- Chair of the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments
- Chair of the Committee on Standards in Public Life
- Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission
- Chair of the House of Lords Appointments Commission
- Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists
- Chair of the UK Statistics Authority

Ministry of Defence

- Service Complaints Ombudsman

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

- Chair of the BBC
- Chair of the Charity Commission
- Chair of Sianel Pedwar Cymru (S4C)

Department for Education

- Children's Commissioner for England
- HM Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills
- Chair of the Office for Students
- Chief Regulator for Ofqual
- Chair of the Social Mobility Commission

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

- Chair of the Committee on Climate Change
- Chair of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- Chair of the Environment Agency
- Chair of Natural England
- Chair of the Water Services Regulatory Authority

Department of Health and Social Care

- Chair of the Care Quality Commission
- Chair of the Food Standards Agency
- Health Service Commissioner for England (office also held by Parliament Commissioner for Administration)
- The National Data Guardian
- Chair of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
- Chair of NHS England
- Chair of Monitor (known as NHS Improvement)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

- Chair of the Independent Commission for Aid Impact

Home Office

- Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration
- HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary and HM Chief Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services
- Chair of Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

- Commissioner for Local Administration England (known as Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman)
- Chair of Homes England
- Chair of the Regulator of Social Housing
- Housing Ombudsman

Ministry of Justice

- Chair of the Judicial Appointments Commission
- Chair of the Office for Legal Complaints
- HM Chief Inspector of Prisons
- HM Chief Inspector of Probation
- Prisons and Probation Ombudsman

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

- Information Commissioner
- Chair of OFCOM
- Chair of UKRI

Department for Transport

- Chair of the Civil Aviation Authority
- Chair of the Office of Rail and Road

Department for Work and Pensions

- Chair of the Social Security Advisory Committee
- Pensions Ombudsman
- Pension Protection Fund Ombudsman
- Chair of the Pensions Regulator

