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The Council for Work and Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Steve Boorman CBE as the next Chair to succeed Professor Diana Kloss MBE barrister. Professor Kloss explains: "My role as the founding Chair of the Council was to bring together the various diverse disciplines involved in health and work to create a single voice to engage with government and other stakeholders. In the seven years of my Chairmanship we have established the Council as a company limited by guarantee with an elected Board of Directors. We have supported important training initiatives, including the creation of a National School of Occupational Health and a Faculty of Occupational Health Nursing. We have also commissioned ground breaking research on the future of occupational health provision in the UK which has been widely quoted and has established us as a major player in the field of health and work. I now feel the time is right to pass on the baton to Steve".

Dr Steve Boorman is well known in the occupational health (OH) world as the author of the Boorman review of the health of the NHS workforce, as the Chair of the Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine and as the former Chief Medical Officer of Royal Mail (for 21 years). His current role is Director of Employee Health for Empactis, a technology firm specialising in the provision of line manager support tools. He was Chief Examiner to the Faculty of Occupational Medicine's Diploma in Occupational Medicine for over 19 years and helped to develop this basic qualification, setting standards for doctors working in occupational medicine, often general practitioners seeking to move into the specialty.

In a 29 year career, he has led four national OH services and helped recruit and train the workforce necessary to provide Personal Independence Payments (PIPs) for one of the two national providers. He has worked with the General Medical Council on the medical training syllabus and the drafting of guidance on consent and confidentiality.

Steve has held Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer appointments in Robert Gordon University Aberdeen and in the University of Birmingham's Institute of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. He is an Honorary Professorial Fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health. He was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Nursing in 2012 and in 2013 the CBE for services to occupational health.

Steve has been a member of many multidisciplinary groups advising the Department of Health, the Department for Work and Pensions and Public Health England among others and has published widely on OH. His wife of over 30 years is a physiotherapist, and he has a strong passion for multidisciplinary innovation in occupational health and safety practice.

Dr Boorman will formally take over at the next meeting of the Council on 7 February 2018.

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