



COLUM BOYLE

Colum Boyle has been Permanent Secretary in the Department for Communities since April 2022. The department's functions cover a wide range of activities and responsibilities including:

- the promotion of healthy housing and the provision of decent, affordable, sustainable homes and housing support services;
- a social welfare system including focused support to the most disadvantaged areas;
- providing training and support to jobseekers and employers;
- bringing divided communities together by creating urban centres which are sustainable, welcoming and accessible to live, work and relax in peace;
- supporting local Government to deliver effective public services;
- maximising public benefits from the culture, arts and leisure sectors;
- tackling disadvantage and promoting equality of opportunity by reducing poverty, promoting and protecting the interests of children, older people, people with disabilities, and other socially excluded groups; addressing inequality and

disadvantage.

The primary role of the Permanent Secretary is to ensure the effective management of the department's operations and to provide strategic advice to the Minister on departmental policy making and implementation activities. As the Principal Accounting Officer for the Department this carries with it responsibility for ensuring the regularity and propriety of departmental expenditure, for promoting value for money and for ensuring there are robust systems of corporate governance and financial control within the Department.

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EMER MORELLI

Emer Morelli is Deputy Secretary over Engaged Communities Group within the Department for Communities.

The role of the Group is to:

- recognise diversity, tackle poverty, encourage participation in society and promote social inclusion to create a society of respect and acceptance.
- identify, protect, conserve, promote and provide access to our historic environment and records of historical, social, and cultural importance to inform and encourage understanding of how our rich and diverse cultural heritage shapes us now and in the future.
- support our creative industries and arts sector, promote our language and cultural sectors, and foster knowledge including within our libraries and museums, to break down barriers, connect people and communities, shape our places, and deliver economic and social value.

- provide strategic direction for our sports and physical activity sectors to encourage increased and diverse participation and high-quality facilities, delivering an active, healthy, resilient and inclusive society which recognises and values both participation and excellence.

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PADDY ROONEY

Paddy Rooney is Deputy Secretary of Work and Health Group.

Consisting of four Directorates, the Group has the primary aim of delivering an accessible, supportive social security system and the promotion of work, wellbeing and fairness.

Its responsibilities include providing financial stability; building people's confidence; and the provision of pathways and programmes to help, support and encourage people to get closer to work, back to work, stay in work and to progress in work. It is also responsible for social security policy and legislation.

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GEORGE SAMPSON

George Sampson is the Department's Chief Economist and Director of Analytics. He leads Analytics Division; a multi-disciplinary team of statisticians, economists and other disciplines.

Analytics Division provides the Department with evidence in the form of statistics, research and economic analysis to inform policy making and operational implementation. It also provides a wide range of services to business areas right across the Department including:

- economic analysis and briefing;
- delivery of the Department's Economic and Social Research Programme;
- preparation and publication of a suite of statistical reports and analysis;
- advice and quality assurance in relation to business cases and evaluations;
- analytical support and provision of evidence.

Analytics Division is part of the Department's Corporate Services Group.

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