

Theresa May Appointed as Prime Minister

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Summary

On Wednesday evening, Theresa May, former Home Secretary, was formally appointed as the United Kingdom's new Prime Minister. She has since announced who will be joining her in the Cabinet, including the appointment of a number of high-profile Brexit supporters, notably leader of the Brexit campaign Boris Johnson, and a higher number of women in key positions than any previous Conservative administration.

Key Appointments

Title / Department	Name	Formerly held by
Prime Minister	Theresa May	David Cameron
Chancellor of the Exchequer	Philip Hammond	George Osborne
Foreign Office	Boris Johnson	Philip Hammond
Home Office	Amber Rudd	Theresa May
Department of Health	Jeremy Hunt	-
Department of Culture, Media and Sport	Karen Bradley	John Whittingdale
Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	Greg Clark	Sajid Javid
Department for Education and Equalities	Justine Greening	Nicky Morgan
International Trade	Liam Fox	-

Notable policy developments

- Previously under the remit of the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, the **Department of Education will now take on responsibility of for Skills and Workforce development**, including further and higher education policy and apprenticeships.
- The creation of the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, following a merger of the Department of Business and the Department of Energy and Climate Change, signals a **change in Theresa May's government's approach to business** from her predecessor. Greg Clark, the new Secretary of State, has been charged with developing a 'long-term industrial strategy' for the UK and **identifying opportunities where government can proactively engage and support business**.

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Key Biographies

Theresa May Prime Minister

Since being elected to Parliament in 1997, Theresa May held a number of Shadow Cabinet positions before being appointed as Home Secretary in the Conservative / Lib Dem coalition government. As the longest serving head of the Home Office in modern times, May delivered reforms to the Border Force and police service, including the creation of Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC), and continued with radical reforms to the immigration system.

At the launch of her leadership campaign, she announced her vision for “social conservatism” and said unlike some of those seeking “glory” her reasons for standing were rooted in her family history of public service and that people may judge her by her record.



Karen Bradley

Secretary of State for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport

In 2010, Karen Bradley was elected to Parliament before becoming a Government Whip in 2012 and a Home Office Minister in 2014. She received a large promotion in Theresa May’s new administration, becoming Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport in 2016.

During the EU referendum, she stated her support for the Remain faction. She was a supporter of Theresa May as the next Conservative Party Leader and then Prime Minister in 2016.



Greg Clark

Secretary of State for the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

As the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Greg Clark oversaw the devolution of business rates to local authorities, having held a number of other ministerial posts since his election to Parliament in 2005.

Clark will be leading on May’s focus on industrial strategy, with addressing the steel crisis one of the things at top of his in-tray.



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Full Cabinet

Title	Name
Prime Minister	Theresa May
Chancellor of the Exchequer	Philip Hammond
Foreign Office	Boris Johnson
EU Exit Secretary	David Davis
International Trade	Liam Fox
Justice Secretary	Liz Truss
Home Office	Amber Rudd
Department of Health	Jeremy Hunt
DCMS Secretary	Karen Bradley
Business Secretary	Greg Clark
Education Secretary	Justine Greening
Defence Secretary	Michael Fallon
Work and Pensions	Damian Green

Environment Secretary	Andrea Leadsom
International Development	Priti Patel
Communities and Local Govt	Sajid Javid
Transport Secretary	Chris Grayling
Scotland Secretary	David Mundell
Northern Ireland Secretary	James Brokenshire
Wales Secretary	Alun Cairns
Leader of the Commons	David Lidington
Financial Secretary to the Treasury	David Gauke

ukactive's Position

ukactive Executive Director Steven Ward released a comment on Theresa May's appointment as UK Prime Minister:

"It will be welcome news to every business in the country – including those in the physical activity sector – that we will have a new, stable government in place so soon after the referendum result, underpinning the stability and assurance in the economy.

Like many other sectors we will be seeking safeguards of our frontline workforce and continued access to the single market as part of the new government's programme – however we are also aware of the opportunities presented by new trade deals where our sector can be at the heart – we look forward to working with the government and DCMS as part of this.

The previous government and the coalition before it did a huge amount to firstly recognise, then to begin to treat, the issue of physical inactivity and has made several strong steps to doing so over the

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past years. From the establishment of Public Health England in 2013 through to the Government's Sporting Future strategy late last year, there has been a concerted effort from Government to engage and work alongside our sector and its individual businesses.

This has of course gone hand-in-hand with the growing strength of our sector and the rise of the wellbeing industry, of which our sector is the backbone.

However, there is still a long way to go before building activity back into the DNA of the nation becomes a truly national priority. The ukactive team and our membership will seek to work closely with the new administration over the coming months to quickly identify where there are opportunities to raise the profile of physical activity and create long-lasting policy change, as well as areas where there we can collaborate with our members to deliver physical activity on the ground."

Next Steps

ukactive Chair, Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, is in the process of contacting all new Secretaries of State to congratulate them on their appointment and reiterate the major threat inactivity continues to pose to the health of the nation's population and finances. ukactive will be working across government departments to ensure physical activity remains a top-tier priority and the ambitions set out within the government's strategy for sport and physical activity, *Sporting Future*, are fully realised.

There are structural changes occurring over the entire government, including the creation of a number of new departments to oversee the UK's exit of the EU. We will continue to monitor the appointment of junior Ministers, including the Minister for Public Health and Minister for Sport, which will occur over the weekend.