

PRESS INFORMATION

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Tony Wright joins Ombudsman's Advisory Board

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO), Ann Abraham, has appointed Dr Tony Wright to her Advisory Board. Dr Wright takes up the post on 1 June 2010.

The Advisory Board provides support and advice to the Ombudsman on strategy and governance, monitors performance and brings external scrutiny to the work of PHSO. Members of the Board are appointed for a three year term.

Dr Wright was elected to Parliament in 1992 and served as MP for Cannock Chase until he stood down when Parliament was dissolved in April this year. He was appointed Chair of the Public Administration Select Committee in 1999 and became Chair of the Select Committee on Reform of the House of Commons in 2009. He is a Council member for UCL's Constitution Unit, which researches constitutional reform in the UK.

Welcoming Dr Wright to her Advisory Board, Ann Abraham said:

"The Advisory Board acts as a 'critical friend' to the Ombudsman, providing expert advice, support and challenge. I know Tony will fulfil this role with enthusiasm and look forward to benefiting from his insight and experience - as well as his challenge - in the months ahead."

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Notes for Editors

1. Ann Abraham holds the post of UK Parliamentary Ombudsman and is also Health Service Ombudsman for England. She is appointed by the Crown and is completely independent of Government and the NHS. Her role is to provide a service to the public by undertaking independent investigations into complaints that government departments, a range of other public bodies in the UK, and the NHS in England, have not acted properly or fairly or have provided a poor service.
2. There is no charge for using the Ombudsman's services.
3. For other media enquiries please contact the PHSO Press Office on 0300 061 4996.