

Helena Richards

Team Lead – International Negotiations & Strategy

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Experience

August 2023 - Current

Team Lead – International Negotiations & Strategy for Chemicals and Pesticides, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- Oversight of UK policy development for Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, Global Framework on Chemicals and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution.
- National Focal Point for Stockholm Convention and Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution.
- Oversight of international budget.
- Leadership of environmental negotiations cadre and capability development.

March 2015 – August 2023

Policy Lead – Ministry of Defence

- Oversight of international policy work and international engagements.
- Leadership of international conferences, and the associated analysis and financial work.
- Completed two-year secondment to New Zealand government.
- Undertook secondments to Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and Cabinet Office to lead international workstreams.

September 2012 – March 2015

Senior Analyst – Sussex Police

- Analytical support to force police operations.

Education

Biology BSc (Hons) from University of Sussex

Criminology & Criminal Psychology PgDip from University of Essex

Level 7 Apprenticeship in Senior Leadership