



STAFF BRIEFING

Date:	20 May 2026
To:	All colleagues working within the health and social care partnership
From:	Chief Executive, Moray Council and Chief Officer, Moray Integration Joint Board
Subject:	Chief Social Work Officer and Head of Service (Children and Justice Services) appointment

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Stephen Morgan as the new Chief Social Work Officer and Head of Service (Children and Justice Services) for Moray Council and Moray Integration Joint Board, following a comprehensive recruitment process.

Stephen is a qualified social worker with almost 30 years' experience in local government and brings extensive leadership and senior management expertise across social work and children's services. He is currently Service Director Social Work Services and Chief Social Work Officer at Dumfries and Galloway Council, having previously led the council's Children and Families Service from 2018.

Stephen will take up his new post in August.

This is a key strategic leadership role within Moray Council and the Health and Social Care Partnership, with statutory responsibilities for social work services and oversight of the development and delivery of high-quality, responsive social work, children's and justice services across Moray.

Stephen brings a wealth of knowledge and experience alongside a strong commitment to public service and improving outcomes for children, adults, families and communities. We look forward to welcoming him to Moray and working together to continue delivering high-quality care and support for people across our communities.

Stephen succeeds Jim Lyon, who has served as Interim Chief Social Work Officer and Head of Service (Children and Justice Services) since June 2024. We are extremely grateful to Jim for his leadership, commitment and support during this period, and for the significant contribution he has made across Moray.

Kind regards,
Karen and Judith

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