

# Change of Her Majesty's Ambassador to Kazakhstan: Kathy Leach



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Ms Kathy Leach has been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan in succession to Mr Michael Gifford who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service. Ms Leach will take up her appointment during late summer 2021.

Curriculum vitae

Full name: Kathy Leach

Married to: Jonathan Aves

Children: three

Dates

Role

2020 to present

Full-time Language Training (Russian/Kazakh)

2019 to 2020

FCDO, Deputy Director, Constitution and Devolution, Europe Directorate

2015 to 2018

FCO, Head then Deputy Director, Policy Unit, Strategy Directorate

2012 to 2015

Yerevan, Her Majesty's Ambassador

2011

Full-time Language Training (Russian/Armenian)

2007 to 2011

Tokyo, Head – Energy and Environment Team

2005 to 2007

Full-time Language Training (Japanese)

2005

Deputy Head, Passport and Documentary Services, Consular

2003 to 2004

Moscow, First Secretary – Human Rights and the Regions

2001 to 2002

Moscow, First Secretary – Security Policy

2000 to 2001

FCO, Desk Officer – EU Trade and Development policy, Europe Directorate

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