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By email: request-695574-45f480fd@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Jason Lai

We refer to your request where you asked:

“With the appointment of David Frost, Baron Frost as National Security Adviser, has there been any change to the three Deputy National Security Advisers - David Quarrey, Prime Minister’s International Affairs Adviser and Deputy National Security Adviser, Alex Ellis, Deputy National Security Adviser for the Integrated Review on diplomacy, development and defence and Beth Sizeland, and Beth Sizeland Deputy National Security Adviser and Prime Minister’s Adviser on National Resilience and Security? Or have any of them been changed or have their post been renamed?”

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is held by the Cabinet Office.

David Frost remains Chief Negotiator for the EU talks and those negotiations will remain his top single priority until they have concluded, one way or another. Therefore, the Prime Minister agreed that David Quarrey should become Acting NSA. He took over from Sir Mark Sedwill on 16 September provisionally until late October, depending on the EU negotiations.

Beth Sizeland continues as Deputy National Security Adviser and the Prime Minister's Adviser on National Resilience and Security and Alex Ellis will continue as the Deputy National Security Adviser responsible for the Integrated Review.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the FOI Team quoting the reference number above.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. A. Smith', written on a light blue background.

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