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## **CISRS Appoints Chair of New Quality Assurance Committee**

The Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS), is delighted to announce the appointment of Professor David Wooff JP as the first chair of its recently announced new Quality Assurance Committee (QAC).

Professor David Wooff JP is the Director of Apprenticeship Quality and Regulation for BPP Education Group. With an extensive, 30-year career in education, Prof Wooff undertakes regulatory work the Office for Students (OfS), the UK Higher Education Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) and the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

He is also currently the lead external examiner for access courses accredited by the University of Ulster and delivered by colleges throughout the province of Northern Ireland, vice-chair of the Frank Field Education Trust and a governor of the Royal Humaine Society.

The QAC is a key part of the modernisation of CISRS and has been established by the CISRS Board to provide expert oversight, strategic guidance and monitoring of quality assurance processes across all aspects of CISRS training and certification. Wooff will shortly be contacting those specifically identified in the Committee's Terms of Reference to introduce himself and establish a selection process for specific roles representing certain groups.

The QAC will support the continuous improvement of training standards, assessment practices and centre accreditation to ensure alignment with industry requirements and regulatory expectations.

Wayne Connolly, Chair of the CISRS Board, said: "The creation of this new role is fuelled by the desire to bring in some independent and fresh thinking, drawing on experiences and knowledge from industries beyond our own. Construction is sometimes seen as being behind other sectors in respect of approaches to modernisation, digitisation and best working practices.

"A fresh, unbiased perspective would bring a balance to the role of Quality Assurance Committee Chair and assist and steer the new committee on issues such as training, business development and operational issues."

Professor Wooff said: "I am delighted to have been appointed as Chair of the newly established CISRS QAC. This role presents a valuable opportunity to strengthen quality

standards and promote excellence across the scaffolding sector. I look forward to working with colleagues to deliver meaningful improvements that support both industry and workforce development.”

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#### ***About Prof Wooff***

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His career in education began through lecturing British Aerospace apprentices in a wide range of engineering subjects at their dedicated training facility in Preston, Lancashire in the mid 1990's. Since then, he has gone on to lead the largest teacher training course in the UK for Design and Technology teachers and be the Head of Initial Teacher Training Providers are the largest teacher training provider in the UK.

Over the past 20 years, he has focused on quality and quality improvement and been the external expert for numerous education approval events at colleges and Universities throughout the UK and overseas. As an experienced academic, he has authored, co-authored and presented around 100 works including, edited books, chapters, teacher guides, textbooks, research papers, research reports and conference presentations. To date, his work has attracted more than 500,000 views and downloads from readers and researchers from over 170 countries.

#### ***About CISRS***

Founded in the 1960s, as a joint venture between employers (represented by NASC) and the union (Unite, formerly Amicus), CISRS exists to provide relevant vocational training and education to scaffolding and working at height operatives that meets the needs of employers, sets the personal standard for good practice and creates opportunity for those wanting a career in the scaffolding and access sector.

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