

FSA announces the appointment of Junior Johnson as Director of Operations

Junior will take up his role in May. He is currently a Deputy Director in the Ministry of Justice, heading up the Prison Scrutiny, Performance and Engagement division, where he has led work on performance transparency across the whole prison and probation system.

Our Chief Executive Emily Miles said: 'I'm delighted that Junior is taking up the role of Director of Operations. He comes to us with a strong track record for operational delivery from the Ministry of Justice and from the Department for Work and Pensions, and a passion for inclusive leadership and strong delivery. He came top in a very strong field of applicants for this post.'

'I'm also very grateful to Simon Tunnicliffe, who has been Acting Director of Operations in the interim period, and will be until Junior's arrival. Simon has been doing a fantastic job at a challenging time for operations, and we have been in safe hands.'

Junior said: 'I am really looking forward to joining the FSA and working with its staff, delivery partners and stakeholders to ensure food you can trust. I've heard so much about what the FSA does and I am full of admiration for how the organisation has managed the impact of the pandemic while progressing reform plans. I am very much looking forward to being part of it.'

More about Junior Johnson

Junior started his Civil Service career as an administrative officer processing benefit claims and worked his way up to be in charge of all job centres in London before moving over to the Ministry of Justice.

Junior is one of the Ministry of Justice's Senior Civil Service (SCS) Race Champions and SCS Sponsor of the organisation's PROUD staff network.