

NEWS: Milliner to step down as Chief Executive after almost 8 years at the AfN

Milliner leaves role as Chief Executive of the Association for Nutrition to join the General Osteopathic Council as Chief Executive and Registrar in March 2019



Leonie Milliner, Chief Executive of the Association for Nutrition (AfN), the UK's independent regulator for Registered Nutritionists, has today (Monday 19 November 2018) announced she will be stepping down in February after almost 8 years at the organisation.

Leonie joined AfN as Chief Executive in April 2011, having previously headed up RIBA Professional Services Ltd for the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). She leaves the AfN to take up the role of Chief Executive and Registrar at the General Osteopathic Council.

Dr Margaret Ashwell OBE DSc RNutr FfN, AfN President and Chair of Council, said: *"We thank Leonie for her inspirational leadership and outstanding service to AfN. Under Leonie's direction the number of UKVRN Registrants has more than doubled and our reach into higher education means we now accredit over eighty degree programmes in the UK and overseas. Her leadership of AfN has led to increased public protection through the development of professional standards and increased interactions with fellow stakeholders. On behalf of everyone at AfN, we thank Leonie and wish her the very best in her future role with the General Osteopathic Council."*

Leonie Milliner, Chief Executive of Association for Nutrition, said: *"It has been a huge privilege to serve the nutrition profession for the past eight years as Chief Executive, leading the regulation of a vibrant and determined profession that offers such clear public benefit. Whilst at the outset our role as the profession's regulator was not secure, we have, through careful consultation and engagement, demonstrated the benefits of an independently regulated profession to ensure the public can easily identify credible, trusted nutrition professionals. It is with immense pride that I leave the organisation knowing we hold the confidence of Government, Registrants and the public in this important task. I would like to thank the staff team for their continued expertise, professionalism and support, and to the committed body of trustees, committee members, assessors and volunteers who drive our work forward with clarity and pace."*

Dr Alison Tedstone, Chief Nutritionist of Public Health England said: *"On behalf of all of the Registered Nutritionists at Public Health England I would like to thank Leonie for raising the game in the professionalism of nutrition and working so hard to protect the public. It's been a real pleasure to see AfN grow under Leonie's careful stewardship and we wish her the best of luck with her new role."*