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Sacro appoints new Chief Executive.

Sacro is delighted to announce the appointment of Karen Anderson as Chief Executive. Karen will take up her post on 23 February 2009, replacing Susan Matheson who is retiring on 31 January 2009 after 12 years of successful service.

Karen joins Sacro from the Institute of Research and Innovation in Social Services (IRISS) where she has held the post of Head of Corporate Services and Company Secretary. Commenting on Karen's appointment, IRISS's Chief Executive, Professor Bryan Williams, OBE said: "Karen has contributed significantly to helping IRISS as an organisation broaden its remit and governance arrangements from the original focus on university collaboration in delivering social work education to its current improvement work, focussed on promoting cross-agency collaboration, fostering evidence based policy and practice and strengthening skills development across the whole social services sector.

Karen came to us with considerable previous experience in the voluntary sector, in a range of different organisations, and has brought financial, legal, communications and fund-raising expertise to IRISS at a time of significant development. She has a special commitment to the involvement of people who use services and has helped IRISS develop a sound base for user involvement across all its work. These strengths will serve her well in her new role as Sacro's Chief Executive and, although sad to lose her, we wish her every success in her challenging new post".

Sacro promotes safer communities across Scotland through the provision of high quality services aimed at reducing conflict and offending. Regarded as the leader in its field, Sacro provides services in criminal justice, conflict resolution and youth justice; and influences the development of public policy in these areas.

In welcoming Karen to Sacro, Susan Matheson said: “I wish Karen all the very best in her new role. Sacro is an organisation of talented and dedicated Board members, staff and volunteers, who will give Karen a warm welcome and provide valuable support for the future development of Sacro”.

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