

## **Claire Bassett**

Claire became Chief Executive of the Electoral Commission in October 2015. The Commission is the UK's independent elections watchdog and regulator of party and election finance.

Previously, Claire was Chief Executive of the Parole Board for England and Wales, the independent body responsible for deciding whether prisoners can be safely released. Before this she successfully implemented significant changes as CEO of the Criminal Cases Review Commission.

As Services Director of Nacro, the crime reduction charity and Chief Executive of NCE, Nacro's housing association she was responsible for a wide range of services delivered across England and Wales. Earlier in her career she was Chief Executive of Connexions, Milton Keynes, Oxon and Bucks and she held various roles at the Legal Services Commission. She began her career as a management trainee in the construction industry.

Claire is a non-executive director of Homegroup, one of the UK's largest providers of housing and support services and has recently joined the Board of the Internet Watch Foundation, the charity that works to make the internet safer by removing images of child sexual abuse.