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Carr and Holmes reappointed to UK Sport

Gerry Sutcliffe, Minister for Sport, has reappointed Rod Carr OBE and Chris Holmes MBE as Board Members of UK Sport. Their second terms of appointment will run from 19 September 2008 for three years.

Rod Carr OBE

Chief Executive of the Royal Yachting Association, with extensive experience of performance management at Olympic level since 1984, achieving particular success at the Games in Sydney, Athens. He received the National Coaching Foundation's Geoffrey Dyson Award in 2000, and was awarded the OBE in 2005 for services to sailing.

Chris Holmes MBE

Britain's most successful paralympic swimmer, winning 9 Paralympic Golds, 6 at a single Games. Member of National Swim Team 1985-2002, and Team Captain for five years. He has served as a Commissioner for the Disability Rights Commission, and was an Ambassador for the 2012 Olympic Bid. He practised as a lawyer with Ashurst, from 2002-07 and is currently with Mayer Brown International LLP. He was awarded the MBE in 1992 for services to sport.

Beijing 2008

The Olympic performance in Beijing was the best in 100 years and also the best performance ever at an Olympics on foreign soil. The Olympic team exceeded all targets and expectations, with a total of 47 medals against a target of 35, and 4th place in the medal table against a target of 8th, compared with 10th place in both Athens and Sydney.

The Paralympic team also performed brilliantly, exceeding their medal targets for Beijing with a total of 102 medals against a target of 95, with 42 gold medals as against 35, and 2nd place in the medal table, retaining the position achieved in both Athens and Sydney.

Background

UK Sport co-ordinates overall policy on the support of elite sport and major events at the UK level, and operates as the National Anti-Doping Agency for the UK. It also manages international relationships and co-ordinates a UK-wide approach to any international issues.

Appointments to the Board of UK Sport are made by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, and follow the OCPA Code of Practice. All public appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Mr Carr and Mr Holmes have declared no political activity in the UK in the last five years.