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## **Change ahead for Equality Commission for Northern Ireland**

Dr Evelyn Collins CBE has announced her intention to step down as Chief Executive of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland in autumn this year.

Evelyn said “It has been a great privilege to have served as the Commission’s Chief Executive since just after it was established and to have worked in the former Equal Opportunities Commission, one of its predecessor bodies”.

“A particular highlight over my 40 years of service has been the opportunity to work with committed and dedicated Commissioners, staff colleagues and external partners from all sectors to advance equality and tackle discrimination. Working for the Commission has been my passion, not just my job, but time for a change for me as well as for the Commission. The work of the Commission going forward, to make progress towards a more equal Northern Ireland, is as vital as ever”.

"The Chief Commissioner, Geraldine McGahey OBE, is leading the process with Commissioners to recruit a new Chief Executive and more information on this will be available shortly. I am very confident that she and the Commissioners will make a good appointment."