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THE PJA ANNOUNCES PAUL STRUTHERS AS ITS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PAUL STRUTHERS has been appointed to succeed Kevin Darley as Chief Executive of the Professional Jockeys Association. He will take up the position in the middle of February after a handover period.

The 38-year-old, who has worked in the racing industry for 11 years, most recently as Head of Communications for the British Horseracing Authority, said: "I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Chief Executive of the Professional Jockeys Association and it will be a privilege to be able to work on behalf of such a dedicated and professional group of sportsmen and women.

"Racing is facing a number of challenges and the PJA will continue to play a leading role in helping address them, for the benefit of both its members and for the sport as a whole."

The PJA's Joint Presidents Steve Drowne and AP McCoy said: "Although we are disappointed to lose the services of Kevin Darley, the PJA is very pleased to have been able to appoint as his successor someone of the high calibre of Paul Struthers, who possesses broad and excellent experience of racing gained over many years working in the industry."

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Paul Struthers Biography

Paul's passion for horseracing was sparked when he first worked for a betting shop whilst at University. After graduating he became a betting shop manager and followed this by working in small business development. He joined the then British Horseracing Board in 2001 and became Marketing Manager, responsible for promoting racehorse ownership and British bloodstock and sales, before moving to the Jockey Club to take over as PR Manager. He worked in the regulation of the sport for almost seven years, and was Head of Communications for the British Horseracing Authority when he left in November.

He lives in Wiltshire with his wife and two young children.