



News Release

Louise Houson takes on the top job at MSD, UK

HODDESDON- September 1st, 2016 – MSD (tradename of Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, NJ, USA) today announced the arrival of Louise Houson as Managing Director for the UK & Ireland.

Louise previously headed up MSD's Human Health business in Ireland, where she spent the past year overseeing a period of significant growth. She brings over 18 years' experience at MSD, having excelled in a series of roles in the UK business, including most recently leadership of the Specialty Care Business Unit.

The new appointment sees Louise succeed Mike Nally, who will become the president of MSD's global vaccines business. Mike had served as the UK's managing director since 1 January 2014 - part of an overall 14-year tenure with the global healthcare company.

Louise said, "This is an incredibly exciting and challenging time for MSD and the pharmaceutical industry. I see a great opportunity to draw on my experiences in Ireland and to pave the way for healthcare delivery within the vast and varied landscape of our commercial environment: Brexit and the opportunities for the life sciences sector, the forthcoming publication of the Accelerated Access Review and our continued partnership work with NHS England to deliver the best possible healthcare outcomes to the patients we serve."

Louise graduated with a degree in Biological Sciences from Oxford University and returns to the UK from Ireland with her husband, Neil, and their three children.

About MSD

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