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# Danny Kerry Appointed Hockey Performance Director

Olympic medal winning coach to step up after eight years as Head Coach

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England Hockey is delighted to announce that Danny Kerry has been appointed to the role of Performance Director following an extensive recruitment process.

Kerry, 42, has been the Head Coach of the England and Great Britain women's hockey teams since 2004 and has overseen the most successful period in the teams' history, most recently leading Great Britain to the Olympic bronze medal at London 2012. He will succeed David Faulkner who stepped down after almost eight years in the role.

Speaking after being appointed, Kerry said: "My new role in performance sport represents significant but exciting challenges for me. Hockey has undergone a lengthy period of change since I began as Head Coach. The Single System player pathway has been implemented and our governance has evolved and is now seen as a model for others. The national teams have trained at a level of professionalism never before seen in our history and as a result we have won medals at world and Olympic level. We have seen significant progression in our standing internationally, not just in terms of the performances of our national teams but also in our ability to host world level events.

"How we move on - the high expectations we set of ourselves to continue to grow - is something I look forward to now focusing my energies on with our first class and highly experienced performance team. I am excited about the possibilities the future holds. I would like to express my gratitude to the work of my predecessor David Faulkner. He brought to this position an enormous energy, industry and personality which will be hard to replace and will be universally missed."

As Performance Director, Kerry will be responsible for overseeing the programmes of the England and Great Britain senior and junior national teams, and coaching development and the player pathway in England. The position carries with it responsibility for Great Britain on account of England Hockey being the 'nominated country' for Great Britain. He will also become one of five executive directors of England Hockey.

Speaking of Kerry's appointment Sally Munday, Chief Executive of England Hockey, said: "Our international teams have made great strides over the last eight years. We were looking for a new Performance Director who could continue to raise the bar and drive further improvement in the performance programmes. Danny has shown strong leadership in his position as Head Coach and has demonstrated he has the skills,



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knowledge and relentless drive for success that is required for the role of Performance Director. He shares our ambition to support our athletes in achieving consistent medal winning performances.”

England Hockey Chairman Philip Kimberley added: “Danny has very clear views on how we take our senior squad performances to the next level and I look forward to his leadership in this role and to welcoming him to the Board, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank David Faulkner for his massive contribution to the sport over the last seven and a half years and wish him well in his new role with Millfield School.”

Since his appointment as Head Coach, Kerry has overseen the most successful era in the history of the England and Great Britain women’s teams, leading them to the 2012 Olympic bronze medal – the nation’s first Olympic hockey medal in 20 years – and to the World Cup bronze medal, two Commonwealth Games medals, four European Championship medals and two Champions Trophy medals, including silver in 2012.

Kerry’s first coaching role came at Brunel University, whom he led to five consecutive British Universities finals while lecturing there. A former player with Pelicans, Loughborough University and Southgate, he has coached Ealing Ladies and Canterbury Ladies, who he led to the silver medal in the European Cup Winners Cup. Prior to his appointment as Head Coach to the senior women’s squad, he worked with the England U18 boys, England U21 Men and England ‘B’ women’s squads.

Kerry will begin his new job on Wednesday 2 January 2013. The recruitment process to appoint a new Head Coach for the England and Great Britain women’s teams will commence in the New Year.

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**Photo:** Danny Kerry. Credit Ady Kerry/England Hockey

NOTES

**Nominated Country:** England Hockey, the national governing body for hockey in England, is the “nominated country” for Great Britain, meaning that it is responsible for the operations of Great Britain Hockey with the support of Scottish Hockey and Hockey Wales.

### **Danny Kerry Profile**

Born 2 December 1970 in King’s Lynn, Norfolk

1979 – 1989 - Played for Pelicans Hockey Club in Norfolk from age nine until leaving for Loughborough University age 18.



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1990 – 2000 - Played for Southgate Hockey Club in the national premier division from 1990 until 2000, captained the team from 1998-2000.

1994 – Began lecturing at Brunel University after completing higher degree in Culture & Society at Warwick University. Coached the men's BUSA (now BUCS) team to five consecutive British Universities finals (1995-1999), winning three consecutively ('96- '98).

1994 – Appointed Coach of Ealing Ladies in the England Hockey League

1997 – Appointed Assistant Coach to England U18 boys

2001 – Appointed Head Coach to England U18 boys

2001 – Appointed Assistant Coach to England U21 Men

2001 – Appointed Coach of Canterbury Ladies in England Hockey League

2003 – Won Women's Cup with Canterbury

2003 – Began working with the England women's 'B' group

2004 – Won silver medal at European Cup Winners Cup with Canterbury

2004 – Completed FIH Performance Coaching Qualification

2004 – Appointed Head Coach to senior England women, ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the world

2005 – Won bronze medal at European Championships in Dublin

2006 – Won World Cup Qualifying Tournament in Rome

2006 – Took England to World Cup where they finished seventh

2006 – Won bronze medal at Commonwealth Games in Melbourne

2007 – Won bronze medal at European Championships in Manchester, in the process securing direct qualification for Great Britain to the Beijing Olympic Games, the earliest ever qualification by the team for an Olympics

2008 – Led Great Britain to sixth at the Beijing Olympic Games, three places higher than their world ranking at the time

2009 – Won bronze medal at European Championships in Amstelveen

2010 – Won first ever Champions Trophy medal, bronze at tournament in Nottingham

2010 – Won first ever World Cup medal, bronze, at the World Cup in Rosario, Argentina

2010 – Won bronze medal at Commonwealth Games in Delhi, sealing a hat-trick of medals in 2010

2010 – Finishes the year with England ranked fourth in the world

2010 – Named as coach in the International Hockey Federation's All Stars Team 2010

2011 – Won bronze medal at European Championships in Monchengladbach

2012 – Won silver medal at the Champions Trophy in Rosario, the team's highest ever finish at a world level event. Lost 1-0 to hosts and World Champions Argentina in the final

2012 – Won bronze medal at the Olympic Games in London



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