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David Lawton is Director of Markets at the Financial Conduct Authority. He assumed this role in July 2012, having been Acting Director since October 2011. Prior to this he was Head of the Market Infrastructure and Policy Department.

The Markets Division comprises around 300 staff and is responsible for the UK Listing Authority; primary, secondary, post-trade and wholesale conduct policy; market surveillance and investigations into market abuse; the supervision of the market infrastructure, trading firms and client assets in the UK; and the regulation of the UK Covered Bond programme.

David is the FCA's Alternate Member of the ESMA Board of Supervisors and the FCA's representative on the Financial Markets Law Committee.

Before joining the FSA (the predecessor body to the FCA) in January 2005, David spent nearly 20 years at Her Majesty's Treasury, latterly as Head of Capital Markets and Governance, with responsibility for the Department's policy towards securities and wholesale financial markets, prudential capital standards, accounting and auditing issues, corporate governance and company law.

David is an economist by training, with degrees from Cambridge University and the London School of Economics.