



Tragic loss of our colleague Chris Smith

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You may have seen or heard the news coverage yesterday that our colleague and friend Chris Smith from the National Leadership Centre and previous to that Civil Service Group was missing in Scotland after failing to return from a run.

It is with great sadness that we learn today that Chris has sadly lost his life. Chris was not only a dedicated Civil Servant but was also a decorated runner for Team GB.

His family released the following statement:

“On behalf of the entire family, we are devastated to let you know that Chris has lost his life in Glen Lyon. He was doing what he loved having spent the previous days having the most special time with his family.”

“We would like to thank everyone for the support they have given, in particular the mountain rescue teams, emergency services, members of the public and Chris’s friends that joined the search.”

“We will always treasure his energy, spirit and love. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.”

Alex Chisholm said:

"I am deeply saddened to hear of Chris's passing and I have written to Chris's family to express our sympathies during this difficult time.

"Chris worked for the Cabinet Office for 14 years, dedicating himself to public service and making the lives of others better. His colleagues will miss him terribly; he had an unfailing ability to see the humour in everything and an unflappable manner in a crisis. He was a thoughtful, compassionate and humble colleague and a great friend to his peers."

"I would also like to extend my thoughts and condolences to all of you who worked with Chris, a much-loved and respected colleague".

We are putting together a book of condolences and memories for Chris's family and if you would like to contribute with words or photos, please email them to [✉](mailto:CSCondolences@cabinetoffice.gov.uk) CSCondolences@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

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One response to Tragic loss of our colleague Chris Smith



Ben Dance says:

30 October 2020 at 11:24am

This is such sad news. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Chris and working with him over the last couple of years. He was a truly fantastic friend – may he rest in peace.
