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England Men's Performance Director Mo Bobat to leave ECB

England Men's Performance Director Mo Bobat is to leave the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) early next year to take up a new opportunity in cricket.

Bobat, who joined the ECB in 2011, has overseen the England Men's pathway for the past four years, identifying, developing and preparing the pipeline of players that form England's extensive talent pool across all formats.

England Men have been crowned double world champions – jointly holding

the ICC Men's World Cup and ICC Men's T20 World Cup – during his tenure as Performance Director.

Bobat had previously managed the England Men's Under-19s programme, until 2016, before he was the ECB's first Player Identification Lead.

Bobat, who will remain in his role at the ECB until February next year, said: "I've had the most amazing 12 years at the ECB and it's been both an honour and a privilege to have spent the last four years as Performance Director. Supporting our efforts towards multiple Ashes campaigns and World Cups has quite literally been the stuff of dreams.

"I'll be forever grateful for all of the opportunities and support that I received over the years and will carry with me many special memories, shared achievements and friendships.

"I'd like to thank all of my current and former colleagues, and of course all of the players that I've been able to enjoy time with. I'd specifically like to thank Rob Key for showing me so much trust over the last 18 months and for enabling my preferred transition towards my new professional challenge.

"When the time comes, I'll leave with the heaviest of hearts and will take pride in knowing that our international pathway is in great health and filled with outstanding people."

England Men's Managing Director, Rob Key, said: "This is a bittersweet moment for me personally because while I am delighted that Mo has been given an unbelievable opportunity, it marks the end of probably the most enjoyable partnership of any career I have had.

"When I first arrived at the ECB 18 months ago Mo was the guiding hand that allowed me to get my feet under the table and to get on with my role. I have absolutely no doubt I would have drowned without his support and expertise.

"His 12 years at the ECB should be an inspiration for many and shows what can be achieved if you never give up and keep believing in yourself.

"All anyone ever wants is to have an impact in whatever they do, and Mo can look back and see that he's not only impacted English cricket but impacted

England cricketers. I wish him all the best.”

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