



Department of
Justice

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Appointment of Lay Advisers for Public Protection Arrangements in Northern Ireland

The Department for Justice is seeking three dynamic individuals with track records of community engagement to play important roles as lay advisers in the oversight of arrangements set out in various guidance issued by the Minister of Justice under Article 50 of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008.

Role in Oversight of Arrangements

Police, Probation, Prisons, Social Services and certain other government and voluntary bodies are required by law to work together to jointly assess and manage the risk posed by certain offenders in the community.

Oversight and review of the various arrangements is undertaken by Strategic Management Boards comprising senior representatives of participating agencies and bodies along with lay advisers appointed by the Department of Justice. This competition is to fill three lay advisor posts.

The role involves becoming familiar with the risk management structures, contributing to meetings and providing the Board with an objective lay perspective on how the arrangements are operating. It does not involve taking active part in the assessment and risk management process for individual offenders.

Terms of Appointment

Part time appointment requiring a commitment of 8-16 hours per month. Remuneration of £2,500 per annum. Some travel within Northern Ireland for which expenses are payable. Appointment for a term of three years with the option of reapplying for one further term.

Skills and Experience

No specific academic qualifications are required for the post. Appointments will be made from those individuals who best satisfy the following essential criteria: community engagement, social and communication skills, informed and objective judgement, monitoring and review, personal resilience and sensitivity.

The Department is committed to providing equality of opportunity and welcomes applications regardless of gender, age, marital status, disability, religion, ethnic origin, political opinion, sexual orientation or whether or not you have dependants.

We particularly welcome applications from women, who are currently under-represented on the Boards. A Guaranteed Interview Scheme (GIS) will operate for those applicants who have declared a disability.

How do I apply?

An application pack with full details and guidance may be downloaded from www.publicprotectionni.com or by telephoning 028 9025 9612.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 3pm Tuesday 28 June 2022. Late applications will not be accepted (except in exceptional circumstances).

Application packs can be provided in alternative formats upon request such as braille, large print, audio, etc. Also reasonable adjustments will be made to accommodate the needs of applicants/candidates with a disability.