

General Information	
Ministerial Decision Type	Appointment
Report Title	Criminal Justice (Young Offenders) (Placement Panel) (Jersey) Regulations 2016: Appointment of Placement Panel member
Minister	Home Affairs
Signatory	Minister
Ministerial Decision Summary: Public or <a href="#">Absolutely/Qualified</a> Exempt	Public
Report and Supplemental Report Details	
Report Author	Private Secretary to the Minister for Home Affairs
Date of Report	08/08/2022
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Action required if recommendation agreed	Private Secretary to inform the Chair of the Panel of the appointment.
Resource Implications	There are no new financial and/or manpower implications.

### **Decision**

Further to the retirement of a member of the Placement Panel, the Minister appointed Natalie Elliott as a member and Vice Chair of the Placement Panel.

Natalie Elliott is Team Manager in the Jersey Probation and Aftercare Service and replaces David Trott as a member of the Panel further to his retirement from the Probation Service

### **Detail**

In November 2016, the States Assembly adopted the Criminal Justice (Young Offenders) (Placement Panel) (Jersey) Regulations 2016 ("2016 Regulations"). Those Regulations were made under the Criminal Justice (Young Offenders) (Jersey) Law 2014 (the "2014 Law"), as amended by Criminal Justice (Young Offenders) (No 2) (Jersey) Law 2016 (the "No 2 Law").

Part 4 of the 2014 Law provides for the establishment of a Placement Panel (to be known as the Children and Young Persons Placement Panel). The 2016 Regulations then make provision for the appointment of Panel members, their removal, rights of appeal and all such other matters relating to the constitution and governance of the Panel.

Regulation 2 of the 2016 Regulations sets out that the Panel will have 5 to 10 members appointed by the Minister for Home Affairs. One of those members will act as Chair, and two as Vice-Chairs. Each shall be appointed for a three-year term which can be extended.

The Regulations further provide that the Members will be either:

- a) probation officers
- b) employees in a department relating to education
- c) employees in a department relating to health and social services
- d) any other person whom the Minister deems appropriate having regard to the person's knowledge and experience (for example, representatives of charities, other appropriately experienced staff)

Whilst the Panel could include members who work for Greenfields, Children's Social Services or the Prison, the 2016 Regulations preclude them from acting as Chair or Vice Chair of the Panel.

This is to allow the Panel to benefit from the experience and knowledge of those members whilst ensuring that they do not have a casting vote in the event that a decision cannot be reached about a placement decision. This is a safeguard against the possibility of those individuals being conflicted, or being perceived to be conflicted, in relation to decisions which could have an impact on departmental resources.