

Appointments to the Independent Prison Monitoring Board – July 2023

The Independent Prison Monitoring Board (IPMB)

The Prison (Independent Prison Monitoring Board) (Jersey) Regulations 2017 were agreed by the States Assembly in January 2017 and the Independent Prison Monitoring Board (IPMB) was then established.

The Regulations provide that the IPMB must satisfy itself of:

- a) the treatment and welfare of the prisoners;
- b) the state of the premises of the prison; and
- c) the administration of the prison.

The role of the IPMB is to provide a safeguard to ensure people detained at HMP La Moye are treated correctly.

Article 2(1) of the Schedule to the Prison (Independent Prison Monitoring Board) (Jersey) Regulations 2017 stipulates that the IPMB shall consist of 7 or more persons, including a chairman and a deputy chairman. The regulations provide that the Minister must appoint the members of the board.

Appointment of new Members

Further to vacancies arising on the Board, it is recommended that the Minister appoints the following three individuals as Members of the Board:

- Julia Therezien
- Natalie Le Tourneur
- Verity Boak

The term of the appointments is for 4 years, effective from the date the decision is signed.

Julia Therezien has a varied career history, having experience of working in both Education and Health as a teacher and physiotherapist. She was Head of English, Media and Film at Beaulieu and is currently overseeing the running of holiday let units, delivers private tuition and carries out the role of appropriate adult.

Natalie Le Tourneur has over 20 years' experience in the Finance industry. In addition to this Natalie completes voluntary work as a seasonal youth worker and is a committee member for Pathways; a charity which she helped set up, looking to inspire and encourage young people.

Verity Boak qualified as an occupational therapist in 1998 and has worked with people with a wide range of disabilities. She began working as an independent occupational therapist in 2001 and in 2008 started working as an independent expert witness. She currently concentrates on case management, expert, and consultancy work.

Financial and manpower implications

Members of the IPMB serve on an honorary basis. Accordingly, there are no financial or manpower implications arising from this proposition.