

## **REPORT: Appointment to the Independent Prison Monitoring Board**

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### **Background**

The Independent Prison Monitoring Board was established in April 2017 according to The Prison (Independent Monitoring Board) Regulations ('The regulations').

The Regulations provide that the Board 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.

In 2024 the Board carried out 24 Monitoring Visits to HMP La Moye and looked into 68 applications made by Prisoners.

The IPMB provides a vital safeguard to ensure the correct treatment of people detained at HMP La Moye and is a central feature of the island's move towards demonstrating compliance with the UN Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT) requirements.

The regulations provide that the Minister must appoint the members of the Monitoring Board and must appoint from the membership of the Monitoring Board a chairman and a deputy chairman.

### **Recruitment of new Members**

Further to vacancies arising on the Board, and with further resignations planned, a recruitment campaign was undertaken in November 2024 to seek new members in accordance with Government of Jersey recruitment guidelines. Five applications were received through Connect, with all five attending for interview. The board was looking for a minimum of three new members, however would consider more depending on the calibre and diversity of candidates.

Following these interviews, it was deemed that all five of the interviewees were suitable for appointment. They all stated that they wanted to give something back and had the time available to commit to the role. DBS checks have now been completed on all candidates with the exception of Cris Lakeman who already has a current DBS.

It is therefore recommended that the Minister appoints:

Cris Lakeman  
Mark Lewis  
Emily Smith  
Vycki Price  
David Le Marquand

With the planned resignations, these appointments will bring the total membership of the Board to 13 members.

Cris is currently CEO of Every Child Our Future and is therefore the strategic lead for the charity, as well as the day-to-day management. She has previously been a Senior Advisor for CYPES and from 2002 to 2018 was a Headteacher.

Mark is a recently retired senior lawyer with wide ranging experience in international corporate and commercial legal work and dispute resolution. He is currently working as a volunteer at Citizens Advice Jersey.

Emily is currently a women's specialist worker for the Shelter Trust, working with a complex client base of 10 women who are living, or have lived in Shelter accommodation.

Vycki is a highly experienced policy, governance and compliance professional with over 25 years' experience in the Jersey Financial Service industry. She is currently a freelance Regulatory and Governance Consultant.

David has held roles as the Private Secretary to the Minister for External Relations, the Chief Minister and the Minister for Infrastructure (present). He also been Policy Principal for SPPP.

The term of appointment for all members is for 4 years.