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General Information	
Ministerial Decision Type	Appointment
Report Title	Criminal Justice (Young Offenders) (Placement Panel) (Jersey) Regulations 2016: Appointment of Panel members
Minister	Justice and Home Affairs
Signatory	Minister
	Public
Ministerial Decision Summary: Public or Absolutely/Qualified Exempt	Select if more than one Absolutely/Qualified Exemption.
Report and Supplemental Report Details	
Report Author	Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs
Date of Report	17/04/2025
Ministerial Decision Report: Public or Absolutely/Qualified Exempt	Public  Select if more than one Absolutely/Qualified Exemption.
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 staffing implications.

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## **Decision**

The Minister appointed James Lynch and Sarah Barrowcliffe as members, and vice chairs, of the Placement Panel for a period of three years.

## 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)

Further to recent departures from the Probation Service, and subsequent appointments, it is necessary to appoint Mr Lynch and Ms Barrowcliffe to the Panel

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