

REPORT: Appointments to the Independent Prison Monitoring Board

17 November 2022

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.

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, a recruitment campaign was undertaken in September to seek new members in accordance with Government of Jersey recruitment guidelines. This included using social media (facebook, Twitter, Linked in) and a drop in session at the town library. 9 applications were received, and 6 individuals were interviewed.

Further to this, it is recommended that the Minister appoint the following individuals as Members of the Board:

Nicky Longmuir

Nicky is the Deputy Head of Compliance and Money Laundering Reporting Officer (MLRO) at Suntera Trustees (Jersey) Limited. She has volunteered previously with Jersey Hospice and as a member of the Jersey Adoption Panel.

Niamh Mc Dermott

Niamh recently completed a degree in Psychology and Criminology, and was part of a steering group meeting regularly with Education and the Director General for CYPES to help improve services for autistic children on island.

Grant Rogerson

Grant is a Partner at Stonehage Fleming. He has previously volunteered as a Diocesan representative governor of Bishop Gilpin, a Church of England primary school, and has also been involved and served in the church, including as a Church Warden of the English Church in Neuchatel.

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