



## Media Release

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### **Home Affairs are seeking independent tribunal members and a PEAP Chairperson**

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The Committee *for* Home Affairs are seeking to appoint an industry expert to act as Chairperson for the Population Employment Advisory Panel.

The **Population Employment Advisory Panel (PEAP)** was established to assist and advise the States in relation to the newly introduced population management regime. The Panel advises the Committee *for* Home Affairs in developing employment related population management policies and is made up of industry experts from across a range of employment sectors. Members provide independent advice on policies relating to employment related residency permits, including advice on labour and skills shortages.

Applicants for this role must demonstrate current and detailed working knowledge across a range of employment sectors.

The Committee *for* Home Affairs is also looking for people to act as members on the following Independent Panels:

- **The Police Complaints Commission**
- **The Parole Review Committee**
- **The Independent Monitoring Panel, at Guernsey Prison**
- **Independent Custody Visitors**

**The Police Complaints Commission (PCC)** is the independent body that oversees the police complaints system locally. Commissioners work in small teams overseeing the investigation of complaints made against serving officers of the Guernsey Police force.

The **Parole Review Committee (PRC)** is the independent body that protects the public by assessing prisoners and deciding whether they can safely be released into the community, with conditions. Members are required to read reports that have been produced by experienced professionals. The Committee's decisions are made in small teams, and members are appointed for the qualities and experience they can bring to the role from their own lives.

Applicants must be able express themselves clearly and be open to challenge, and the ability to draw out relevant information from reports is essential. Knowledge of the criminal justice system and experience of conducting risk assessments is desirable.

The **Independent Monitoring Panel (IMP)** monitor conditions at the Guernsey Prison. Members make unannounced visits and respond to individual requests from prisoners.

**Independent Custody Visitors (ICV)** are responsible for making unannounced visits to the Police and Guernsey Border Agency detention facilities. They observe, comment and report on the conditions of detention, the operation of the custody facilities and they ensure transparency and independent scrutiny of the detention process. Reports completed provide an insight into the running of the custody areas and provide a vital source of information on the environmental and welfare conditions in which detainees are held and are carefully considered by the Senior Management Teams of the Police and Guernsey Border Agency.

These posts would suit individuals who have a desire to contribute to their local community and are able to volunteer on a flexible basis, including during evenings and weekends. We are seeking individuals from a range of backgrounds, and are keen to appoint diverse panels reflective of the local community. Successful applicants will be required to undertake an enhanced police check prior to appointment. Full training will be provided.

“These roles play an incredibly important part in our community and the impact you would have whilst immeasurable is vital. It might be that you are looking to do something to give back to your community, or you may wish to utilise the skills you already have in a new environment, meet new people or challenge yourself. Even if you are not sure of what might be involved I would encourage you to contact the office to find out more, one of these roles could be a perfect fit for you.”

*Deputy Mary Lowe, President of the Committee for Home Affairs*

Anybody who is interested or who wants to find out more information should contact Emily Grainger on 717359 or via email at [home@gov.gg](mailto:home@gov.gg). The closing date for applications Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

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An Information pack & application form can be found at: [www.gov.gg](http://www.gov.gg) and on our social media pages.

The closing date for applications Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.