

# Appointment to roles of Independent Reviewer of National Security Arrangements and Chair of the Northern Ireland Committee on Protection

Press release

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The extended appointment will take effect on 1 February 2021.

The Northern Ireland Committee on Protection (NICOP) was established in 2009 to determine the policy in relation to the provision of close armed protection to individuals living in Northern Ireland. The Independent Reviewer of National Security Arrangements in Northern Ireland reviews annually the operation of the arrangements for national security matters.

## **Biography of Appointee**

His Honour Brian Barker CBE QC is a former British judge. He served as the Recorder of London and senior judge at the old Bailey 2013 – 2015 and previously was the deputy senior judge and Common Serjeant of London from 2005 to 2013. He currently holds an appointment as an Assistant Surveillance Commissioner.

## **Terms of Appointment**

- The position is a part-time appointment.
- The position attracts a daily remuneration of £848.
- The appointment will be from 1 February 2021 for a period of up to one year.

## **Political Activity**

His Hon. Brian Barker declared no political activity in the past ten years.  
Regulation

This appointment is not regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments.

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