

# Press release: Invitation to Open Management Committee meeting

The Parole Board is holding its annual open Management Committee meeting on 14 December 2017, where you can have the opportunity to see the work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure effective running of the parole system. The Parole Board independently risk assesses prisoners to decide whether they can be released and safely managed in the community. This meeting will look at current issues facing the Parole Board and the organisation's strategic objectives for the upcoming year.

Here are some of the items the meeting will focus on:

- A report of the progress made so far on the 2016-2020 strategy and a forward look for the future of the Parole Board and how it can improve the parole experience for prisoners, victims, and the public.
- The Board's equality strategy, which will look at: parole processes that are fair, accessible and responsive; achieving a more representative Parole Board; and promoting an inclusive culture in the workforce
- Introduction of a new system that is fairer for listing all prisoners' parole reviews

Parole Board Chief Executive Martin Jones said: "The Parole Board is committed to increasing the transparency of its processes and decision making.

"Following on from the success of last year's inaugural open board meeting, we hope that even more people will be interested to come along and see first-hand how the Parole Board's Management Committee oversees the work of the Board; to ensure we maintain a fair, efficient and effective system that protects the public."

There will be an open Q&A session at the end of the meeting. You are also able to submit questions in advance when registering for the event, using the link provided below. Please note, we will not be able to answer any questions about individual cases.

How to Attend: If you would like to come to this open meeting, [please follow this link and provide your details.](#)

There are a limited amount of seats and places will be given on a first come, first served basis.

When: 14 December 2017

Time: Arrival at 10.15 for a 10.30 start; Meeting ends at 12.30 pm

Where: [Van Dyke Suite, The Rubens at the Palace, 39-43 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PS](#)