

Parole Board launches member recruitment campaign

News story

The Board is seeking psychologist, psychiatrist and retired judicial members to contribute to its vital work



We are pleased to announce that the Parole Board is now recruiting new members. In this campaign, the Parole Board is specifically looking to attract Psychologist, Psychiatrist and Retired Judicial Members to join the more than 250 members currently contributing to the important work of parole reviews.

This is a varied and important role in protecting the public, while ensuring fairness for all involved. The Parole Board works to protect the public by risk assessing prisoners to decide whether they can safely be released into the community. It works as a court and makes risk assessments which are rigorous, fair and timely, based on information supplied by expert witnesses. The roles are public appointments.

This exciting opportunity is open to those who live in all regions of England and Wales. The role is home based, including with some hearings undertaken remotely by telephone and video. Travel will also be required to attend oral hearings during the working day in HMP establishments across England & Wales.

We are looking for people with a genuine interest in the work we do and who possess the behaviours, skills and judgement to make an effective and critical contribution to the Board's work. Parole Board decisions are of critical importance to public confidence in the criminal justice system.

At this time, we are only recruiting three specialist member roles:

If you think this might be you, please have a look at the further information on each of the roles [here](#).

The Parole Board also has Independent members who bring a breadth of skills

and experience. We are not presently recruiting this type of member but you can [register your interest here](#) if you would like to be notified when our next campaign opens.

For further information on the work of a Parole Board member, please see [this write up in the Sunday Times](#).

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[Extension to clinical excellence awards due to expire in April 2021](#)

News story

Award holders can apply for a one-year extension to national Clinical Excellence Awards due to expire on 1 April 2021.



Following [suspension of the 2020 national Clinical Excellence Awards competition](#), ministers have agreed to extend those awards that were due to be renewed in 2020 by one year

Extended awards will be due for renewal in the 2021 competition and renewable for 4 years.

National Clinical Excellence Award holders who were due to submit a renewal application in 2020, and whose award is due to expire on 1 April 2021, should complete the [online form](#). The form should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

Check your award's renewal year by [logging into your account](#) and clicking the 'My Award' tab.

Contact accea@dhsc.gov.uk if you need further help or advice.

You must complete the [online form](#) if your award is due to expire on 1 April 2021 and you want to extend your award.

Applications for award extension close on 31 July 2020.

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[One of the million](#)

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Today, the campaign group Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) is celebrating the fact that for the first time ever there are more than 1 million women working in science and engineering roles in the UK.



#1ofthemillion

Sellafield Ltd recently joined the organisation and are supporting the campaign. To do so, we are promoting some of the fantastic work of our scientists and engineers.

The picture accompanying this story shows some of our employees who make up part of the one million, and we also have blogs from some of our employees to highlight their work and how they came to work in their particular fields.

[Penny Rathbone](#) is our polymers expert. She has been working with the Cumbria Resilience Forum, where her knowledge of all things plastic, rubber and seal related has helped ensure that our key workers have continued to have supplies of safe personal protective equipment.

[Rebecca Weston](#), our Chief Operating Officer has blogged about the importance of the day, and how she is keen for more people to know about the opportunities available to them.

She also outlines how she got into a career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), through a route which included teaching English in Eastern Europe.

Katherine Eilbeck led our work to join WISE. She said:

WISE is a fantastic organisation with an important and laudable aim, to encourage more women into the field. I'm delighted that Sellafeld Ltd has joined the campaign and hope that as many of our employees as possible support 'one of the million'.

People can also share their photos with WISE. They can be added to the WISE campaign pages at www.wisecampaign.org.uk.

Please feel free to share the day on your own social media channels and networks.

Promoting gender equality is an important part of our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion mission to ensure that everyone is respected, included and able to perform at our best.

We are also responsible for helping the government achieve gender equality in the nuclear sector as part of the Nuclear Sector Deal.

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[Updated Outsourcing Playbook](#)

- The Outsourcing Playbook was designed to improve the working relationship between the private, public and third sectors
- Refreshed Playbook sets out how government and private sector will continue driving forward innovation
- New guidance is welcomed as a 'huge step forward' by business leaders

A project designed to make sure the government and the private sector work well together has been updated to help guarantee good services for the public.

The [Outsourcing Playbook](#), which was launched in February 2019, was designed to improve the way the government works with private companies following the collapse of Carillion in 2018.

After being strongly supported by the private sector and charities, it has now been updated to highlight the importance of continuing to drive forward

innovation in public sector projects.

This includes the creation of Delivery Model Assessments, which help determine whether the public or private sector is best placed to deliver a public service, an improved focus on delivering social value in contracts and guidance on building and maintaining successful relationships with companies delivering services.

Cabinet Office Minister, Lord Agnew, said:

The Outsourcing Playbook is a vital tool to ensure we can work effectively with the private sector to deliver the best possible public services and value for money for the taxpayer.

This update builds on the improvements we have seen in the past year, and I'm pleased it has been well received by the private sector as we continue to develop collaboration and drive innovation.

The Outsourcing Playbook contains rules, principles and guidance on how government departments should make decisions about outsourcing projects, making sure the focus is always on delivering the best possible outcome at the best possible value for the public.

The updated version makes it clear that companies should also comply with the prompt payment code and sets out how government officials should look at all possibilities for how services should be delivered before contracts are awarded as well as giving extra advice on insourcing.

The update follows detailed consultation with industry and builds on the highly successful implementation of the initial programme, which has seen attendance rates at training sessions for Playbook policies hit more than 9,000.

Mark Fox, the Chairman of the Business Services Association, said:

The updated Playbook represents a huge step forward in the government's ability to procure goods, services and projects, consistently and efficiently.

All those who work with the government to deliver projects and services, across the voluntary and private sectors, recognise the enormous amount of work the Cabinet Office has put into this work.

The Outsourcing Playbook has also helped to guide vital work between government and the private sector during the coronavirus crisis.

The CBI's chief UK Policy Director, Matthew Fell, said:

During these testing times, partnership working between the public and private sectors to tackle shared challenges has become ever more important.

This latest guidance builds on the Cabinet Office's commitment to improve how local and central government work together with enterprise and charities to deliver high quality public services.

New provisions supporting better contract management, an increased focus on value rather than cost and encouraging a more collaborative approach to managing risk are all aspects that will be welcomed by public sector suppliers.

For more details, [see the latest version of the Outsourcing Playbook here](#).

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We have added information to the FE edition of Update on the provider relief schemes.

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