

INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING PANEL – 25 JANUARY 2016

DEPUTY CHAIRS

REPORT BY THE SCHEME MANAGER AND CHAIR

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide visitors with an explanation on the changes to the Deputy Chair appointment.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 For a number of years the Independent Custody Visiting Panel has had a Chair leading the Panel supported by a Vice Chair. The Vice Chair role had very much been a supportive role and had not required any great involvement in the organisation of the Scheme.

2. DEPUTY ROLE

- 2.1 After careful consideration and discussion, it has been proposed that the Panel work in a more collaborative manner and the role be expanded to allow more than one person to act as a Deputy Chair and have more involvement in the Scheme.
- 2.2 There are a number of areas that could benefit from this change and allow for more flexibility in areas of recruitment, reviews, involvement in training and in any other field requiring ICV input.

3. VISITOR INTEREST

- 3.1 Every visitor had been offered the opportunity to voice their interest in the Deputy Chair position. On 22 November 2015, the Chairman circulated an email which invited everyone to advise her if they were interested. The only stipulation was that they would need to be available for the whole year.
- 3.2 To date we have had 2 visitors come forward, Isobel Why and Mark Payne and both the Chair and I are happy to accept their offer of assistance and would ask visitors to confirm their agreement to the appointments.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 Panel members are asked to note the reasons for the change and accept Mark Payne and Isobel Why as Joint Deputy Chairs for the year 2016.

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