

CONSULTATION TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITHOUT A COMPETITION: YOUTH JUSTICE BOARD

The Commissioner for Public Appointments has been consulted under paragraph 3.3 of the Governance Code on Public Appointments (the Governance Code) by the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice to make an appointment, exceptionally, without a competition.

The Governance Code requires the appointing authority to consult the Commissioner in good time before the appointment is made and to make the decision public alongside their reasons for doing so.

Appointing authority's reasons for making an appointment without competition

The Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice has decided to appoint Alan Wood as a member of the Youth Justice Board without putting the post out to open competition.

Mr Wood's appointment will be for a period of five months until the end of September 2017 in order to bring some expertise and experience to the Board during the time it will take to recruit new members.

Appointee

Mr Wood is the Chair of the Youth Custody Improvement Board (YCIB) which has recently reported on the current state of the youth custodial estate, making a number of recommendations. He has led a number of high profile reviews, including that of Local Children Safeguarding Boards, Serious Case Reviews and Child Death Overview Panels. He has extensive experience in high profile youth and social care roles in local government and in June 2016 he was asked by the Secretary of State to lead an Education Advisory Board for the Department of Education on the review of the role of local authorities in relation to children.

Commissioner's response to the Consultation

The Commissioner for Public Appointments is content with the Secretary of State's proposal to appoint Mr Wood without competition as a member of the Youth Justice Board to the end of September 2017.

**On behalf of the Commissioner for Public Appointments
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