



Department of

# Health, Social Services and Public Safety

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## Chair Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Special Health & Social Care Agency

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety is seeking to appoint a Chair to the Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Special Health and Social Care (HSC) Agency (NIGALA).

NIGALA is the 'voice' for children who are subjects of public law and adoption proceedings before the courts in Northern Ireland. NIGALA's role is to safeguard and promote the interests of children by providing independent social work investigation and advice to the Court in specified public law and adoption proceedings and to provide effective representation of children's views and interests.

### Essential Criteria

Applicants will have to demonstrate that they have the skills, knowledge, experience and qualities to meet the following six essential criteria:

Leadership; Making an impact with others & displays a range of political skills; Committing to the non-executive role; Thinking strategically; Analytical thinking; and Learning and self development.

**Remuneration** - £7,014

**Time Commitment** - 1-2 days per month

### For further information and an application form:-

E-mail: [public.appointments@dhsspsni.gov.uk](mailto:public.appointments@dhsspsni.gov.uk)

Telephone: 028 9052 3250

Textphone: 028 9052 8623 (for use by those with hearing difficulties)

Fax: 028 9052 8403

Write to: DHSSPS Public Appointments Unit, Annexe 6, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast BT4 3SQ.

### Closing Date

**The deadline for receipt of applications is 12:00 noon on Thursday 7th July 2011. Late applications will not be accepted.**

Information Packs and application forms can be provided in alternative formats and applicants who require assistance will be facilitated on request. Applicants invited for interview will be eligible for reimbursement of reasonable travelling expenses.

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety is committed to the principles of public appointments based on merit with independent assessment, openness and transparency of process. The Department is committed to providing equality of opportunity for all applicants. Applications are welcomed regardless of age, gender, disability, religion, ethnic origin, political opinion, sexual orientation or whether or not you have dependants.

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