



Department of

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Public Appointments Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety is seeking to appoint three (3) Lay Members to the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland.

The Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI) will have responsibility for improving interagency co-operation on the safeguarding of children and will also have responsibility for monitoring how its member agencies are co-operating together and how they are performing against the statutory duty to make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

The SBNI and the Safeguarding Panels will replace the current Regional Child Protection Committee and Trust Child Protection Panels, which were established under administrative arrangements underpinned by Departmental Guidance contained in Co-operating to Safeguard Children (May 2003).

Essential Criteria

Applicants for the Lay Member posts must meet the following seven essential criteria:

Experience of working with or caring for children and young people, outside of family commitments, either in a professional or voluntary capacity; Knowledge and understanding of the role of agencies involved in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children; 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 - £6,242 **Time Commitment** - 2 days per month

For further information and an application form:-

E-mail: public.appointments@dhsspsni.gov.uk

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Write to: DHSSPS Public Appointments Unit, Room D1, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast BT4 3SQ.

Closing Date

The deadline for receipt of applications is 12:00noon on Thursday 5 January 2012. 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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