

**MINUTE OF THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE SENTENCE REVIEW
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 27 MARCH 2017**

Present:	Clodach McGrory	Chairperson
	Micaela Greenwood	Commissioner
	Anne Grimes	Commissioner
	John Jackson	Commissioner
	Mark Radcliffe	Secretary to the Commissioners
	Kerry McIlwaine	Deputy Secretary
	Karen Weir	Secretariat
	Ciara Skelly	Case Manager (minutes)
Apologies:	Timothy Thorne	Commissioner
	Adrian Grounds	Commissioner
	Duncan Morrow	Commissioner

1. Ms McGrory welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Apologies were received from Timothy Thorne, Adrian Grounds and Duncan Morrow.
2. The note and minute of the previous meeting were discussed and agreed with no amendments.
3. Ms McGrory provided an update on the ongoing Judicial Review. This case raises issues in relation to the consideration of recall applications in circumstances where there are criminal charges pending.
4. Ms McGrory led a discussion on the revised legal aid guidance and again raised concern that it did not seem appropriate that SRC should have responsibility for granting legal aid to prisoners' representatives.
5. The position on the current SRC cases were discussed.
6. Ms Greenwood led a discussion on the importance of new Commissioners taking on the panel chair or single Commissioner roles to increase their experience and knowledge base. Ms McGrory advised that all Commissioners could be afforded this opportunity.
7. The Commissioners annual appraisal process was discussed and training issues were identified.
8. Mrs McIlwaine updated the Commissioners on the development of a protocol between the SRC and the NIO in relation to cases involving Damaging Information and related meetings with NIO.
9. It was agreed that the next Plenary will be held in autumn 2017, date to be confirmed.