

MINUTE OF THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE SENTENCE REVIEW COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2017

Present:	Clodach McGrory	Chairperson
	Micaela Greenwood	Commissioner
	Anne Grimes	Commissioner
	John Jackson	Commissioner
	Debbie Maclam	Secretary to the Commissioners
	Kerry McIlwaine	Deputy Secretary
	Karen Weir	Secretariat
	Ciara Skelly	Case Manager (minutes)

Apologies:	Timothy Thorne	Commissioner
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1. Ms McGrory welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Apologies were received from Mr Timothy Thorne.
2. The note and minute of the previous meeting were discussed and agreed with no amendments.
3. Ms McGrory confirmed that Dr Duncan Morrow has now resigned as an SRC Commissioner. She expressed her thanks for his long and dedicated service and wished him well for the future.
4. 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.
5. Ms McGrory led a discussion about legal aid, in light of the current pre action protocol and resulting threat of judicial review sited as part of a current case. She has again raised concerns with the NIO of the appropriateness of SRC having responsibility for granting legal aid to prisoners' representatives.
6. Ms McGrory updated the Commissioners on the newly agreed Damaging Information protocol.
7. The position on the current SRC cases were discussed.
8. Ms McGrory updated the Commissioners on her meeting with the NIO legacy group which may require changes to be made to the SRC legislation as a result of the draft HIU bill. A consultation is due to start in the New Year.
9. The Commissioners annual appraisal process was discussed and dates were set for appraisal interviews.
10. Mrs McIlwaine updated the Commissioners on the senior management changes within the NIO.