

# Commissioner for Public Appointments in Northern Ireland

# Who we are and what we do



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# Who we are



My name is Judena Leslie.

# I am the **Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland.**

I work together with a small team.



## **About our work**

There are some groups in Northern Ireland called **public bodies**.

They work to give people things like

- healthcare
- care and support
- education
- transport
- the police service





These public bodies are **not** part of the Government.



But they do work with the Government to provide the best possible services to the people of Northern Ireland.

The people in charge of these public bodies are called **the Board**. They meet together and make decisions about the public body.



It is not just people who work for the public body who can make decisions about it.





Other people from Northern Ireland can have a say as well.



The Government chooses these other people to be part of the Board and make decisions.

Our job is to make sure the government does this in a fair way.



#### More about what we do

We make sure the Government

- chooses people for Boards in a fair way
- gives everyone a fair chance
- chooses the best person for the job.



#### We also

- give people advice if they want to be part of a Board and make decisions
- look at complaints about the way people are chosen.



We have some rules for the government about how they should choose people.

These rules are set out in a Code of Practice which Government Departments and public bodies must follow.



Code of Practic for Ministerial Public Appointments in

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# What we will do this year

We want more people to have a chance to be part of a Board and have their say.

#### This could be more

- people with a disability
- people from different backgrounds
- young people
- women.



# We are working to make this happen.

#### For example

- We have set up a new group to work on this.
- We will tell more people about chances to be part of a Board.
- We will help the government make it easier for more people to apply to be part of a Board.



We will keep checking how this work is going.

## How to find out more

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