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Overview of the job	<p>The Public Protection Casework Section (PPCS) is placed within the Public Protection Group within the Directorate of Wales and Public Protection. The posts are based in HQ and currently located in 1 Ruskin Square, Croydon.</p> <p>It is not operational, although the business objectives of PPCS are focused on delivering frontline public protection casework in respect of the recall and release on parole of offenders.</p> <p>The main function of PPCS is to ensure the oversight of the Generic Parole Process (GPP) for indeterminate sentenced prisoners and to ensure the timely processing of recalls to custody of licensed determinate and indeterminate sentenced prisoners from the community and processing requests for licence variations. It also reviews cases referred by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman (PPO); reviews appeals against adjudications; and assists with Royal Prerogative of Mercy cases.</p> <p>The PPCS has a large number of casework teams which: (i) handle 16,000 recalls; or (ii) review the continued detention of recalled offenders; or (iii) manage the parole process for 14,000 indeterminate sentence prisoners; or (iv) handle a range of prisoner related casework. Each casework team has a manager who is responsible for the day to day operation of the team and the management of team members.</p> <p>Team managers report to a Deputy Head of Casework.</p>
Summary	<p>The job holder will be responsible for managing a team of 5 – 12 case managers and case administrators.</p> <p>The job holder is expected to have generic casework skills and, with appropriate training, be able to manage any one of the 19 teams, each of which covers specific areas of casework.</p> <p>Responsibilities include: providing first draft risk assessments on indeterminate sentenced prisoners' (ISPs); consideration of recommendations on whether ISPs should be moved from closed to open prisons; the consideration and processing of recall requests; assessing an offender's suitability for a fixed term recall; risk assessing and providing draft reasons in support of recalled prisoners being re-released; drafting complex ministerial responses or undertaking a review of a prisoner's</p>

	<p>adjudications.</p> <p>Work involves daily liaison with prisons, police, Probation Services, UKBA, the Parole Board, Treasury Solicitors and other stake-holders as well as dealing with prisoners, solicitors and other interested parties. They will establish good working relationships with their counterparts in other agencies and ensure that their staff do the same.</p> <p>It falls to team managers to ensure that teams deliver their work against targets and monitor team members' performance. They will ensure that work on the team is distributed fairly across team members and prioritised appropriately.</p> <p>Team managers are required to identify complex/high profile cases and provide advice to senior managers and first draft responses to letters before action etc. They will be required to take a range of routine operational decisions.</p> <p>Team managers require good judgment, accuracy, an ability to analyse detailed information quickly and excellent organisational skills. They are expected to work with a degree of autonomy and have an awareness of wider parole and recall issues/constraints/practices. They are accountable to Heads and Deputy Heads of Casework and, through them, to the Head of Section.</p>
<p>Responsibilities, Activities and Duties</p>	<p>The job holder will be required to carry out the following responsibilities, activities and duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing a team of 5-12 staff, including line management and supervisory responsibilities, holding regular bilaterals, cascading information to team members and convening weekly team meetings. This work also involves monitoring sick absence and performance • Overseeing a team of case managers who managing the review process for indeterminate sentenced prisoners, dealing with a range of issues that may crop up on a daily basis on which team managers need advice, ensuring that dossiers are completed to a high standard, Parole Board directions are complied with, non-disclosure applications are processed speedily, next review dates set, release licences are accurate, failures in open conditions are reviewed expeditiously and either transferred back or are submitted to the Parole Board for advice and that all work is processed within target • Managing the recall process for indeterminate and determinate sentenced prisoners, authorising recall, ensuring that legal thresholds for recall have been met, considering and determining whether a prisoner is suitable for a fixed term recall or a standard recall, ensuring that there are no delays in cases being reviewed by the Parole Board and for issuing clear and accurate reasons in support of recall • Overseeing the review of recalled prisoners' continued detention; the drafting of recommendations for re-release; and the management of the annual review process

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that case managers manage cases that are directed to have an oral hearing; that Parole Board directions are complied with; and that non-disclosure applications are processed speedily and with accuracy • Considering applications for ISPs to transfer to open conditions without a Parole Board recommendation, by undertaking a detailed and accurate risk assessment and making recommendations to senior managers • Assist Head/Deputy Head of Casework with the handling of Judicial Reviews raised by ISPs and determinate sentenced prisoners, in consultation with Legal Directorate and Treasury Solicitors • Collate and analyse monthly performance statistics, providing information and data for the Head/Deputy Head of Casework • Oversee licence variation requests ensuring that they are completed on target and to a high standard • Ensure that PPCS database (PPUD) is accurately updated by team members; milestones are completed; and documents and minutes are uploaded and that Quality Assurance systems are applied • Responsibility for compiling first draft replies to Ministerial correspondence and replies to letters before action and treat officials • Representing Section at meetings, open days and other forums <p>The duties/responsibilities listed above describe the post as it is at present and is not intended to be exhaustive. The job holder is expected to accept reasonable alterations and additional tasks of a similar level that may be necessary. Significant adjustments may require re-examination under the Job Evaluation Scheme and shall be discussed in the first instance with the job holder.</p> <p>An ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence through the medium of English or (where specified in Wales) Welsh.</p>
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Behaviours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership • Making Effective Decisions • Managing a Quality Service • Changing and Improving • Seeing the Big Picture • Developing Self and Others • Communicating & Influencing • Working Together
Strengths	It is advised strengths are chosen locally, recommended 4-8.
Experience	None

Technical Requirements	None
Ability	None

Minimum Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All candidates are subject to security and identity checks prior to taking up post. • All external candidates are subject to 6 months' probation. Internal candidates are subject to probation if they have not already served a probationary period within HMPPS. • All staff are required to declare whether they are a member of a group or organisation which HMPPS consider to be racist.
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Hours of Work (Unsocial Hours) Allowances	
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