
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 2564

The Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001

PART II

THE LIFE SENTENCE REVIEW COMMISSIONERS

Life Sentence Review Commissioners

- 3.—**(1) The Secretary of State shall appoint Life Sentence Review Commissioners.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall so far as reasonably practicable ensure that at any time—
- (a) at least one of the Commissioners is a person who holds or has held judicial office in any part of the United Kingdom or who is—
 - (i) a member of the Bar of Northern Ireland or solicitor of the Supreme Court of Northern Ireland of at least ten years' standing; or
 - (ii) an advocate or solicitor in Scotland of at least ten years' standing; or
 - (iii) a person who has a ten year general qualification within the meaning of section 71 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990⁽¹⁾;
 - (b) at least one is a registered medical practitioner who is a psychiatrist;
 - (c) at least one is a chartered psychologist;
 - (d) at least one is a person appearing to the Secretary of State to have knowledge and experience of the supervision or aftercare of discharged prisoners; and
 - (e) at least one is a person appearing to the Secretary of State to have made a study of the causes of delinquency or the treatment of offenders.
- (3) The Commissioners shall—
- (a) advise the Secretary of State with respect to any matter referred to them by him which is connected with the release or recall of life prisoners; and
 - (b) have the functions conferred by Part III.
- (4) In discharging any functions under this Order the Commissioners shall—
- (a) have due regard to the need to protect the public from serious harm from life prisoners; and
 - (b) have regard to the desirability of—
 - (i) preventing the commission by life prisoners of further offences; and
 - (ii) securing the rehabilitation of life prisoners.
- (5) Schedule 1 (which makes further provision about the Commissioners) shall have effect.
- (6) In paragraph (2)—
- “chartered psychologist” means a person for the time being listed in the British Psychological Society’s Register of Chartered Psychologists;

“registered medical practitioner” means a fully registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983(2).

Commissioners' procedure

4. Schedule 2 (which makes provision about the procedure to be followed in relation to the Commissioners' functions) shall have effect.