



News Release

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PPS PUBLISHES NEW PROSECUTION QUALITY STANDARDS

The Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland (PPS) today published a policy statement, setting out its new Prosecution Quality Standards.

Commenting on the document, the Director of Public Prosecutions, Barra McGrory QC said:

“The public is entitled to know what to expect in terms of the quality of service which will be delivered by those who prosecute.

“Our new Quality Standards represent an important step forward in this regard, in that they set out clear benchmarks against which the public can assess how we perform.

“These standards will also be of fundamental importance to the Service in building for the future. They will guide us in how we operate and in devising the policies, processes and systems needed to support our work.

“We will gauge our success by our ability to deliver against them on a consistent basis.”

Notes to Editors

A copy of the PPS Prosecution Quality Standards is available via the PPS website at www.ppsni.gov.uk.

The standards cover the main areas of the PPS’s work, including:

- The provision of advice to investigators;
- The taking of prosecution decisions;

- The preparation of cases;
- The presentation of cases at court; and
- The services provided to victims and witnesses.

They apply to all who help to deliver the prosecution service, including public prosecutors and administrative staff, as well as external counsel who represent the PPS at the Crown Court, High Court and Court of Appeal.

The new standards have been subject to public consultation.

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