

**APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL ADVISER FOR
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND OTHER FORMS OF
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC ABUSE
AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE**



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Remuneration – £60,050, plus pension and reasonable expenses – Full time (37 hours per week) but open to candidates who wish to work on a part-time job share basis.

Duration: Three years; with an option to extend for a second three-year term, to a maximum period of six years.

Location: Flexible

In accordance with the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015, the Welsh Government is seeking to appoint a National Adviser for Violence Against Women and other forms of Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence. The successful candidate will be expected to be an expert in this field, providing an informed and independent perspective on the work being taken forward to develop and implement the policy and legislation in these areas.

Background

The Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 was passed by the National Assembly on 10 March 2015, and received Royal Assent on 29 April 2015. The Act places a duty on the Welsh Ministers to appoint a National Adviser who may advise and give assistance on arrangements for the prevention, protection and support for people affected by gender-based violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence. The functions of the Adviser, as set out in the Act, are to:

- advise the Welsh Ministers about pursuing the purpose of the Act or tackling related matters¹;
- give other assistance to the Welsh Ministers in their pursuit of the purpose of the Act or tackling related matters;
- to undertake research relating to pursuing the purpose of the Act, tackling related matters or examining whether abuse of any kind is related directly or indirectly to inequality of any kind between people of a different gender, gender identity or sexual orientation;
- to advise and give other assistance, with the agreement of the Welsh Ministers, to any person on matters relating to pursuing the purpose of the Act or tackling related matters;
- produce reports on any matter relating to the purpose of the Act or tackling related matters.

¹ A “related matter” is abuse which the National Adviser considers to be related directly or indirectly to inequality of any kind between people of a different gender, gender identity or sexual orientation.



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The Adviser will provide an independent, balanced input, offering expertise and advice where required as part of a range of ongoing work feeding into the shaping of policy development and legislation. The successful candidate will be required to have frequent dialogue with the wider policy team, as well as the Welsh Ministers.

The position is managed within the Welsh Government's Community Safety Division offering a unique opportunity for the successful candidate to apply their knowledge and experience by providing practical advice to inform the strategy and policy development that will underpin the legislation.

The Act prevents the Adviser appointing staff or acquiring and renting property; instead the successful candidate will be supported by Welsh Government staff and accommodated in offices provided by the Welsh Ministers. The Welsh Government already has an established policy team covering these issues.

It is the policy of the Welsh Government to promote and integrate equality of opportunity into all aspects of its business including appointments to public office. Applications are welcomed and encouraged from all groups and we ensure that no eligible candidate for public office receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, disability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, or pregnancy and maternity. The principles of fair and open competition will apply and appointments will be made on merit.

The National Adviser will be appointed in accordance with the Governance Code on Public Appointments which is issued by the Minister for the Cabinet Office. The National Adviser must therefore abide by the principles of public life that apply to all public servants.

For further details and to apply go to <http://wales.gov.uk/publicappointments> or for queries contact the Shared Services Helpdesk on 029 2082 5454 or email sharedservicehelpdesk@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

The closing date for receipt of applications is **14th September 2017**. Application forms received after this date will not be considered. It is expected that interviews will be held on 6th October 2017.

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