Notice of Appointments

**Thursday 13 July 2017**

Following the publication of the report of the evidence review of “A Vision for Change”, Mr Hugh Kane has been appointed as Chair of the Oversight Group that will oversee the development of a new policy for mental health based on the outcome of the Expert Review.

Mr Kane recently held the post of Director of Operations at the social enterprise organisation Genio and contributed to the development of “Connecting for Life”, the national strategy to reduce suicide in Ireland 2015–2020. Further members of the Oversight Group will be appointed over the coming weeks.

**Sunday 16 July 2017**

Mr John McKeon has been appointed to the post of Secretary General in the Department of Social Protection. Mr McKeon will take up his appointment on 23 July 2017, following the retirement of Ms Niamh O’Donoghue.

Mr McKeon joined the Department of Social Protection in 2010. As Assistant Secretary General, he was responsible for activation policy and implementation of Pathways to Work labour market programmes, employer relations, change management and departmental industrial relations. Before joining the Department, he was the Managing Director of Wholesale Business at Eircom.

**Available Appointment**

The Valuation Office are currently advertising a position for Data Management Officer.

The person appointed will be responsible for “creating, implementing and enforcing appropriate data collection policies and procedures for effective data management”. This is a management post and has a key leadership role within the organisation.

The position will be based in Dublin. Details on the required qualifications and experience can be found on the job listing. The closing date for applications is 17 August 2017.

[View the listing here.]

**Note of clarification on Issue 451**

Last week's Update contained a report about the appointment of members of An Garda Síochána by the Policing Authority for consideration for promotion to the rank of Chief Superintendent.

We would like to clarify that the information for that report was not provided to PAI by the Policing Authority, who have not publicly released the names of the individuals appointed. The information was gathered from an independent media source.

PAI is happy to provide this clarification. Issue 451, available on our website, has been modified to reflect this clarification.
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Training

Managing the Protected Disclosures Process
Half-day course, 9am to 1pm
Friday 15 September; and
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Following on from PAI’s conference on Protected Disclosures and Whistleblowers, we are happy to announce a new CPD training seminar ‘Managing the Protected Disclosures Process’ which will be available from September.

This half-day workshop will explore the legal obligations of individuals and organisations regarding the receiving, assessing and investigating protected disclosures. It will also look at the experience of a whistleblower, what may be expected of them and the rights they have.

Click here for more information

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Adjourned until 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 20 September 2017

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