

Looking for a new challenge in 2016?

How about spending some of it in jail?

Are you looking to try something new and exciting in 2016? How about signing up for a special mission behind bars?

We're looking for new volunteers to join an existing team at **HMP Lowdham Grange**, near Nottingham.

Your mission is to be the eyes and ears on the inside, keeping a watch on standards of care and fair treatment for everyone in custody and detention. This team is called the **Independent Monitoring Board (IMB)** - a group of ordinary members of the public doing an extraordinary job.

IMB members are independent and unpaid. Their role is to monitor the day-to-day life in their local prison or removal centre and ensure that proper standards of care and decency are maintained.

Whether you're looking to enhance your CV or you want to put to good use the skills and experience you've gained through your life and career, this role could be for you.

You do not need any special qualifications as you will be provided with excellent training and support. You need to be enthusiastic, open minded, possess effective communication skills and have the ability to exercise sound, objective judgment. We welcome applications from people aged over 18 and your background can be as a student, a person of working age or retired.

New Board Members will work as part of the team, alongside our existing exceptional volunteers, monitoring the prison, talking to prisoners and staff and attending the monthly Board Meeting. Typically, this will take 4 **or** 5 days per month and can be flexible depending on the needs of the Board and the individual. The work is unpaid and expenses will be covered. While there is no minimum length of time for a Board Member to serve, the maximum length of service is 15 years.

HMP Lowdham Grange is a training prison holding just over 900 adult male prisoners. It houses longer-term category B prisoners from across the country and is operated by the private provider SERCO. Many of Lowdham's prisoners have committed serious offences; two-thirds are over the age of 30 and nearly all are serving sentences of more than four years. Over 40% of the population are serving indeterminate sentences, and more than 100 are serving life sentences.

HMP Lowdham Grange was recently subject to an unannounced independent inspection and it was found that overall the prison continued to ensure some very positive outcomes for those it held.

As a member of the IMB you'll work with people from all walks of life and at all levels.

This is a position of trust and responsibility, and a prestigious ministerial appointment – your chance to try something unique and stand out from the crowd.

You don't need any special qualifications or experience - we will provide all necessary training and support.

If you live within 20 miles of the prison & can dedicate around 4-5 days a month, we want to hear from you!

For more information and to apply,
go to www.imb.org.uk or call 020 3334 3265 now.

Please quote [404/Lowdham Grange/2016](#) on your application. Closing date 24/04/2016

