

**To: The Chair of the Probation Board/Trust
The Chief Officer of the Probation Board
The Chief Executive of the Probation Trust
(Copy enclosed for the Head of Human Resources)
The Secretary of the Probation Board/Trust
Members of the NNC**

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Dear Madam/Sir

NNC Handbook - Amendment to Section B20, Model Retirement Policy

A recent case before an Employment Tribunal has highlighted the fact that in order for retirement at age 65 to comply with the Age Discrimination legislation, retirement has to be on the employee's 65th birthday.

The Handbook entry at Section B20, Paragraph 16, currently refers to retirement on the day **before** the employee's 65th birthday. The attached replacement page B20/4 rectifies that error and should be inserted in the Handbook accordingly.

Boards and Trusts should ensure that local procedure reflects this amendment.

Yours faithfully

**Christine Lawrie
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Joint Secretaries