

# the Parole Board

working with others  
to protect the public



## The Parole Board of England and Wales Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18

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## About this *Easy Read* version

This is a simplified version of The Parole Boards Annual Report and Accounts for 2017/18.

This provides a snapshot of the work the Parole Board has done over the year.

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The last year has been one of contrasts. It marked the 50th anniversary of the organisation and we have marked the occasion in a number of interesting ways. Another highlight of the year has been the further significant improvements in our operational performance. However, in March 2018 we received the judgment of the High Court in the Worboys case. This had very profound implications for the Parole Board and will lead to significant changes in the way we operate.

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**Caroline Corby,**  
Interim Chair



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Ultimately, whatever improvements an organisation makes, its strength and resilience lies in its people. The Parole Board is fortunate to have a talented and committed team of staff and members who work together every day to ensure the safe progression of prisoners whilst protecting the public. It is important that our people are supported and nurtured to ensure we continue to sustain recent improvements.

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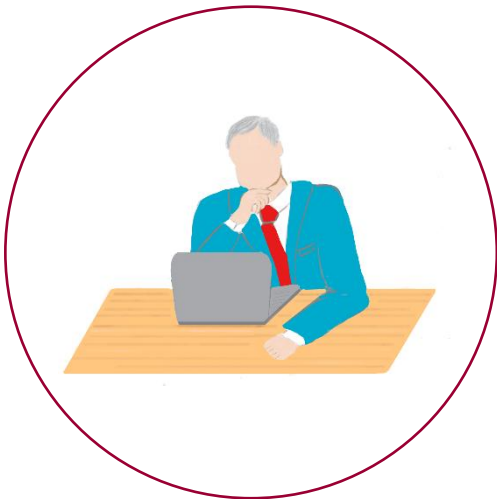
**Martin Jones,**  
**Chief Executive**



# What does the Parole Board do?

The Parole Board is an independent body that works with other criminal justice agencies to **protect the public**. We do this by carrying out risk assessments for prisoners to decide whether they can be safely released into the community.

## Paper Hearings



All cases are reviewed by a single member on papers. This is called **MCA**.

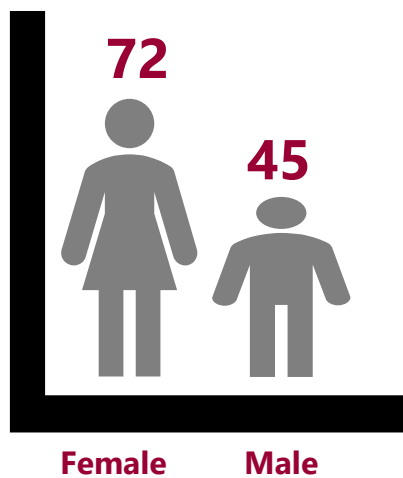
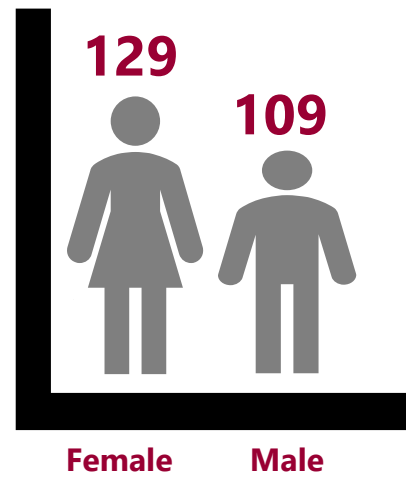
## Oral Hearings

Oral hearings take place at the prison with the **prisoner in attendance**.



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# Who works for the Parole Board?



# Our Strategic Aims

We measure how we performed against **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**.

We have five **strategic aims** for each KPI.



1. Safely eliminate the backlog of outstanding cases.



2. Work with partners to ensure that by the end of 2017 the majority of IPP prisoners have been safely released.



3. Ensure the Parole Board's remit is focused on cases where its expertise is of most value and does not detract from partners' rehabilitative responsibilities



4. Ensuring that the Parole Board's cultural and procedural approach to risk is consistent with the successful implementation of its other strategic objectives.



5. Ensuring that staff and members of the Board work in partnership to continuously improve our processes, whilst treating all with respect and humanity.



# Outcomes at Oral Hearings



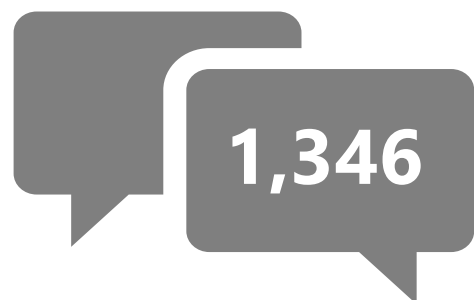
**Oral Hearings  
Conducted**



**Completed Oral  
Hearings**

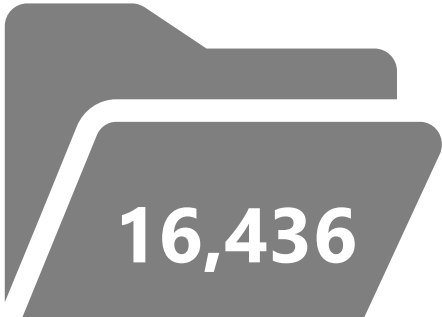


**Oral Hearings  
Deferred**



**Cases progressed  
to Open Conditions**

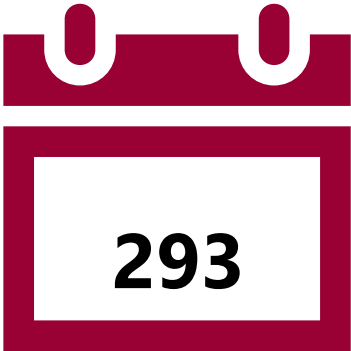
# Outcomes at Paper Hearings



**Paper Hearings  
Conducted**



**Requests for Oral  
Hearing**

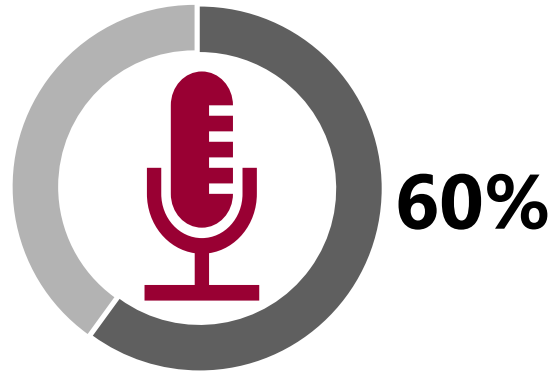


**Release Decisions**



**Paper Hearings  
Deferred or Adjourned**

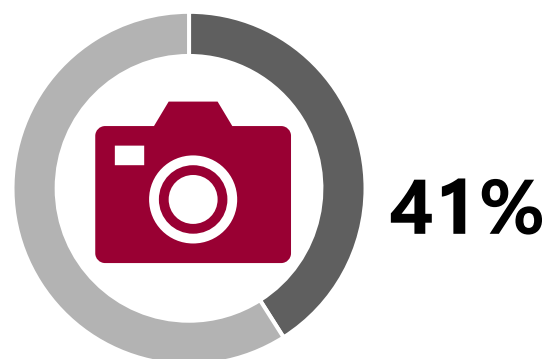
# We now work more digitally



**of panel chairs can  
digitally record hearings**



**of our members can  
access case  
information digitally**



**of parole hearings  
involved some form  
of remote evidence**

# Parole eligible cases are referred to the Parole Board by the Public Protection Casework Section (PPCS).

An MCA assessment is made on the papers

No direction for release is made

or

Offender is released back into the community

or

Case is directed to an oral hearing



## Oral hearing takes place

Decision is made within 14 days

Offender is released back into the community

Recommendation made for open conditions

No direction for release is made

- PPCS: Represents the Secretary of State.
- The PPCS compile the dossier with core reports from the Offender Manager and Offender Supervisor before referring the case.
- At both oral hearing and paper hearing stage, the case may get deferred or adjourned for further information to aid the panel in making a sound decision.
- Before a case is listed by the Parole Board, key witnesses are consulted to get their availability dates for an oral hearing.
- Following a direction to oral hearing at the paper stage it can take approximately 3 to 6 months to get listed.
- Oral hearings are listed 3 months in advance of the hearing.



# How did we spend our budget this year?

## Unit Costs

**£320**

Paper Hearing

**£1,406**

Oral Hearing

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**£13,644,000**

Total Staff Costs



**£1,162,000**

Legal and  
compensation costs



We saved  
**£180,000**  
on courier costs



# The Parole Board's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Here are some key events which took place over the year to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parole Board.

## Butler Trust Event

'Parole: 50-Years and Counting'



Special Edition of the **Prison Service Journal** was published



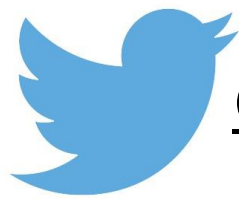
Delegates from **The Parole Board of Canada** visited



**Radio 4** programme: 'Parole: Calculated Risk'



# Keep in contact



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