

Public Defender Service

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Position: Duty Solicitor

Gary Newbery qualified as a solicitor in 1988 and was immersed in a busy Valley's practice with offices throughout what is now Rhondda Cynon Taff. There was a constant stream of criminal work as it was hallmarked as the largest such practice in the area. It meant that he very quickly became experienced in all aspects of the role of a criminal practitioner and was exposed to significant cases involving large scale drug conspiracies and serious violent offending including murder and armed robbery.

Gary subsequently had his own contract as a sole practitioner for close on 17 years and was a duty solicitor on both the Newcastle & Ogmore Schemes and the Neath Port Talbot Scheme. In 2011, Gary was approached by what was to become one of the largest South Wales practices in order to merge and thereafter spent most of his time working at the Cardiff Magistrates Court, whilst in effect being the supervising solicitor for the firm's Bridgend Office.

Gary has considerable experience in dealing with all aspects of the role of a duty solicitor and always maintains a client's trust and confidence, so as to guide a case towards as positive an outcome as could have been anticipated. Gary always remains approachable and contactable.

Gary anticipates becoming a valued member of the Swansea PDS office team and consolidating the foothold that has been established by the office in the locality. Gary has obtained his higher rights qualification and has been accredited following training via the Law Society Vulnerable witness course so that he can meet the demands an advocate should expect in his representative role.