



Public Defender Service

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Position: Duty Solicitor	
<p>Pippa qualified as a solicitor in 2008 after completing her training in a London firm specialising in criminal defence and civil litigation. She became police station accredited in 2006 and has been regularly attending police stations to provide advice since then.</p> <p>Pippa has been a Duty Solicitor since 2011 and appears regularly in the Magistrates Court. She has represented defendants in all types of criminal cases from those involving road traffic offences to those involving allegations of serious violence or sexual crime. Pippa has a particular interest in representing youths who are engaged in the criminal justice system.</p> <p>In 2008 Pippa began to specialise in Prison Law and since then she has represented individuals across the country in prison disciplinary proceedings and in parole reviews. Pippa is particularly experienced in appearing at complex Parole Board oral hearings and representing individuals serving a life sentence in their applications for release from prison. She enjoys representing vulnerable individuals and ensuring that they can effectively engage with the process.</p> <p>Pippa will be joining the Prison Law Team and providing Prison Law Assistance from our Darlington office.</p>	