



## NRPSI news

### European Directive on use of interpreters

Next month the European Directive on the 'right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings' becomes law. The legislation aims to improve the protection of individual rights by developing the minimum standards for the right to a fair trial and the right of defence guaranteed by the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights. The Directive also requires each member state to establish 'a register or registers of independent and appropriately qualified interpreters and translators', underlining the importance of NRPSI as the UK's independent register and regulator.



### PI4J participate in MoJ workshop

On 3 September, Professional Interpreters for Justice (PI4J) representatives took part in a workshop looking at quality in the context of interpreter services in the justice sector at the invitation of the MoJ. The feedback and points raised during discussions will inform the scope of the Independent Quality Assessment project. The MoJ is currently drafting the specification for this project and identifying the independent assessor/s to carry it out. [Read more.](#)

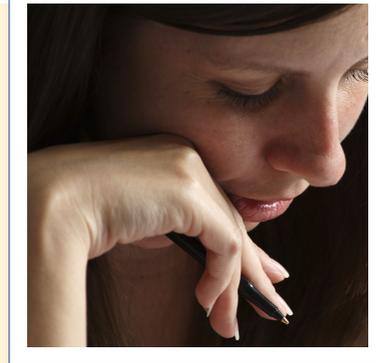


### Renewal of lease at Longcroft House

Following a trial period at Longcroft House, NRPSI's HQ since January 2013, we are delighted to announce that our new office has successfully met our requirements. We have therefore extended our lease to provide continuing security for our day-to-day operations.

### Update on Qualifications Committee

Further to the report in our July Newsletter, the new Qualifications Committee (QC) has held its first meeting and agreed that NRPSI needs a clearer, more rigorous definition of the qualifications requirements for registration. The QC will work on this over the coming months in order to present a full proposal to the Board. It will also consider what role Continuing Professional Development (CPD) could play in helping NRPSI to maintain professional standards. We will be asking for Registrants' views on this subject in the coming months, so look out for our 'Call for Comment' email.



### Return of member of staff

NRPSI is delighted to announce, with her permission, the return to work of Suzanne Ratajova, a valued member of the Registration team. Suzanne has been away from the office for more than eighteen months coping with demanding rehabilitation requirements, having suffered an unprovoked attack when walking home one evening. The crime and its immediate after effects featured on the Channel 4 programme '24 Hours in A&E' earlier this year. We wish Suzanne all the best in her return to work on 14th October.



### Advance notice of our holiday opening hours

In contrast to recent years, NRPSI will be open over the Christmas and New Year period, with the exception of the public holidays. There will be a reduced staff, so we ask for your patience if it takes longer than normal for your query to be answered.

I hope you find this issue an informative and enjoyable read. If you have a suggestion for inclusion in the newsletter, please email [admin@nrpsi.co.uk](mailto:admin@nrpsi.co.uk).

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