

# THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS

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## 1. Definitions

### 1.1 Appointments:

<b>Appointment</b>	An adult role in Scouting which requires the adult appointment process as laid out in this document to be followed.
<b>Full Appointment</b>	An adult role in Scouting for which the holder has satisfactorily completed the adult appointment process as laid out in this document.
<b>Provisional Appointment</b>	An adult role in Scouting for which the holder is part-way through the adult appointment process as laid out in this document.

### 1.2 Roles:

<b>Administrator</b>	An adult appointed in the Movement to carry out administrative functions within Scouting.								
<b>Adviser</b>	An adult appointed in the Movement to provide advice on a particular subject.								
<b>Assessor</b>	An adult appointed in the Movement to assess a particular aspect of Scouting.								
<b>Co-ordinator</b>	An adult appointed in the Movement who co-ordinates activities on behalf of the line manager.								
<b>Leader</b>	A Member of the Movement involved in the supervision and delivery of programmes to young people within the Movement, including the following appointments below:								
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<b>Assistant Section Leader</b>	an adult appointed to assist the Section Leader.								
<b>Assistant Explorer Scout Leader</b>	an adult appointed to assist the Explorer Scout Leader.								
<b>Explorer Scout Leader</b>	an adult responsible for the delivery of the programme and management of an Explorer Scout Unit.								
<b>Section Leader</b>	an adult responsible for the delivery of the programme and the management of the Section.								
<b>Manager</b>	An adult appointed in the Movement who manages adults within the Movement and does not normally directly deliver programmes to young people, as defined by the role description (e.g. Group Scout Leader, District Commissioner, District Explorer Scout Commissioner, District Scout Network Commissioner, Scout Active Support Manager, County Training Manager, and County Commissioner).								
<b>Official</b>	An adult who is a charity trustee within Scouting (that is, a member of a Group Executive Committee, District Executive Committee or County Executive Committee) and who is not a Leader, Manager or Supporter.								
<b>Supporter</b>	An adult appointed in the Movement who works to develop Scouting without having management responsibility for people, as defined by the role description (e.g. Assistant District Commissioner, Assistant County Commissioner, District Scouter and County Scouter).								
<b>Instructor</b>	An adult appointed in the Movement to provide instruction in a particular skill area.								
<b>Section Assistant</b>	An adult who assists the Leaders in delivering programmes to young people in the Movement.								

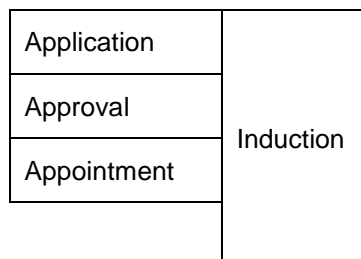
<b>Scout Active Support Member</b>	An adult appointed in the Movement to provide active support to Scouting with no responsibility for other adults or young people.
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### 1.3 Other Terms<sup>sv</sup>

<b>Appointments Advisory Committee</b>	The committee appointed by the relevant Executive Committee to assist with the process of appointing adults in Scouting.
<b>Appointments Advisory Committee Panel</b>	A panel of three persons from the Appointments Advisory Committee which undertakes an interview with an applicant for an appointment in Scouting.
<b>Appointments Chair</b>	The person appointed by the relevant Executive Committee to chair the Appointments Advisory Committee.
<b>Appointments Secretary</b>	The person appointed by the relevant Executive Committee to act as the Secretary of the appointment process.
<b>Occasional helper</b>	Occasional helpers are not covered by the Appointment Process. Parents and helpers that require a Criminal Records check must either be entered directly into Compass or recorded using the Association's official Joining Forms and then be transferred accurately into Compass. For further information please refer to POR rules 3.26f, 4.28f and 5.19f.

## 2. The Appointment Process Overview

- a) **Purpose:** The purpose of the appointment process is to ensure that all those adults that the Movement accepts as volunteers:
- i. appropriate persons to volunteer with The Scout Association;
  - ii. are appropriate for the roles they are undertaking; and
  - iii. fully accept the responsibilities of the roles and, where appropriate, the responsibilities of membership of The Scout Association.
- b) **Principles:** The appointment process must be run so that:
- i. the applicant feels welcomed and not threatened by the appointment process;
  - ii. the applicant is kept informed of progress through the appointment process;
  - iii. the Association has robust assurance of appointing only appropriate people; and
  - iv. the applicant takes a role that is appropriate to their skills, knowledge and attitude.
- c) **Stages of appointment:** All adult appointments pass through four stages in the appointment process:



- i. **application:** where a line manager agrees to support an adult applying for an appointment and agrees a role description for that appointment;

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- ii. **approval:** where independent checking concludes that the applicant is suitable for an appointment and includes agreement from the relevant Commissioner or body, successful outcome of the Personal Enquiry and, where appropriate, taking up two references;
  - iii. **appointment:** where the relevant Commissioner or body makes the appointment including the presentation of an appointment certificate and, where appropriate, the making of the Promise; and
  - iv. **induction:** where the line manager ensures that the adult receives a high quality induction (this stage starts from the application process and runs for some time after the appointment is made).
- d) **Roles in the appointment process:** the following roles are undertaken in the appointment process:
- i. **line manager:** the line manager is responsible for recommending the applicant for the appointment. The details of the appointments that each role may recommend for appointment are given in Table 1: Appointments.
  - ii. **approver:** the appointment is approved by the Appointments Advisory Committee, the relevant Executive Committee or the relevant Scout Council according to the appointment being made. The details of who may approve each appointment are given in Table 1: Appointments.
  - iii. **relevant Commissioner/body:** the relevant Commissioner, the relevant Executive Committee or the relevant electoral body with the responsibility for making the appointment. Details of who the relevant Commissioner/body is for each role are given in Table 1: Appointments.

### 3. The Appointments Advisory Committee

#### Appointing the Appointments Advisory Committee

- a) An Appointments Advisory Committee is mandatory for each District and each County/Area/Region (Scotland) and exists to assist with the process of appointing adults in Scouting.
- b) The following members of the Appointments Advisory Committee are appointed by a resolution of the relevant Executive Committee:
  - i. **Appointments Chair:** the Chair is appointed to lead the Appointments Advisory Committee. The Chair must not be the Chair of the relevant Executive Committee (because the Chair of the Executive Committee is involved in the resolutions of disputes involving the Appointments Advisory Committee).
  - ii. **Appointments Secretary:** the Secretary is appointed to ensure that the required administration is carried out for the Appointments Advisory Committee.
  - iii. **Appointments Members:** sufficient members must be appointed to ensure that three members can be found to undertake the interview for each applicant.
- c) In appointing the members of the Appointments Advisory Committee, the Executive Committee should bear in mind the range of skills and attributes that will be required in committee members. All members of the Appointments Advisory Committee must be over 18 years old.
- d) All members of the Appointments Advisory Committee must have successfully completed a Personal Enquiry.
- e) Districts and Counties/Areas/Regions (Scotland) may choose to share an Appointments Advisory Committee so long as:
  - i. each Executive Committee involved agrees to sharing an Appointments Advisory Committee which must be recorded by resolution of each Executive Committee;
  - ii. each Executive Committee involved has an Appointments Secretary appointed to carry out the role on behalf of that Executive Committee (an individual may act as Appointments Secretary for more than one Executive Committee if agreed by the individual and the relevant Executive Committees);

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- iii. each Executive Committee involved agrees the appointment of the Chair and the other members of the Appointments Advisory Committee; and
  - iv. the Chair of the Appointments Advisory Committee is not the Chair of any Executive Committee on whose behalf the Appointments Advisory Committee acts.
- f) Districts and Counties/Areas/Regions (Scotland) may have more than one Appointments Advisory Committee so long as:
- i. each Appointments Advisory Committee is appointed by the relevant Executive Committee according to 0 b) above; and
  - ii. each Appointments Advisory Committee has a clearly defined responsibility for appointments (for example, by geographical area or type of appointment) which must be recorded by resolution of the relevant Executive Committee.

### **3.1 Training Requirements for Appointments Advisory Committee Members<sup>SV</sup>**

- a) The Appointments Chair, Appointments Secretary and other members of the Appointments Advisory Committee must show that they are competent to carry out this important role of checking potential new adult volunteers in The Scout Association. It is therefore mandatory that members meet certain validation criteria that are defined in The Scout Association's adult training scheme and validate both Module 1 (Essential Information) and Module 37 (the training module for Appointments Advisory Committee members).
- b) As the line manager, the Appointments Chair is responsible for ensuring that all members of the Appointments Advisory Committee have validated the required modules. The Appointments Chair, however, does not necessarily have to be the Training Adviser for the Appointments Advisory Committee members. The Appointments Chair should work closely with the County/Area Training Manager/Assistant Regional Commissioner Adult Training (Scotland) or the Local Training Manager (according to local arrangements) to co-ordinate the allocation of Training Advisers.

### **3.2 Duties of the Appointments Advisory Committee<sup>SV</sup>**

- a) The Appointments Advisory Committee is responsible for the following areas:
  - i. interviewing candidates and approving appointments (including new appointments and changes in appointment);
  - ii. providing advice to the Commissioner on the outcome of suspension of an adult;
  - iii. when requested providing advice to the Commissioner on the action to take in the event that an adverse personal enquiry is received;
  - iv. providing advice to the Commissioner on the renewal of appointments;
  - v. taking part in the resolution of complaints from applicants regarding the outcome of the appointment process; and
  - vi. considering together with the Commissioner recommendations to cancel appointments and/or involvement in Scouting as a result of disagreements between adults.

The details of these duties are given in the Appointments Advisory Committee support material.

### **3.3 The Appointment Interview**

- a) To balance the need for a suitably rigorous selection process and the need for a welcoming and non-threatening process, exactly three members of the Appointments Advisory Committee (the Appointments Advisory Committee Panel) will be required to determine an applicant's appropriateness for an appointment by conducting an interview with the applicant.
- b) In some circumstances, the Appointments Chair may allow one additional person to be present at the interview, for example if Module 37 is being validated, or if the applicant needs an interpreter/signer to attend the meeting.
- c) Each applicant for an appointment for which the Appointments Advisory Committee is the "approver" (as indicated in Table 1) will be interviewed by an Appointments Advisory Committee Panel. If the Appointments Advisory Committee Panel has recently met the

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applicant for another appointment, the committee may decide not to interview the applicant again. The decision to interview or not is entirely one for the Appointments Advisory Committee to make.

- d) The line manager of the applicant is not allowed to be a member of the Appointments Advisory Committee Panel that interviews that applicant.
- e) The Appointments Advisory Committee Panel members will assess the following areas:
  - i. **Values and policies:** that the applicant is aware of and accepts (and by personal example is prepared to uphold and promote) the values and policies of The Scout Association – including making the Scout Promise if appropriate.
  - ii. **Role:** that the applicant understands the requirements of the role and is able and willing to carry it out.

### 3.5 Definition of Committee

- a) When the Appointments Advisory Committee have to consider or make decisions on the following:
  - whether to appoint when there are unsatisfactory references;
  - whether to appoint when there is an unsatisfactory personal enquiry;
  - the outcome following the suspension process;
  - the outcome of reviews; and
  - the outcome of complaints regarding the appointment or review process.

three members of the committee (an appointments panel) should meet to consider the issues, and the Chair of the Appointments Advisory Committee is the person responsible for selecting these members, ensuring a fair and independent panel is formed.

## 4. Making Appointments

### 4.1 Personal Enquiry<sup>sv</sup>

- a) No person aged 18 or over may be permitted to undertake any responsibilities or involvement within Scouting until the appropriate enquiries have been made. See POR Rules 3.26, 4.28 and 5.19.
- b) An adult may not have any involvement in Scouting where a current report from an appropriate professional or statutory source suggests that the individual is not an appropriate person to hold a position in Scouting.
- c) All reasonable practicable steps must be taken to ensure that those appointed to a role in Scouting are appropriate persons.
- d) In all cases of doubt concerning the suitability of an individual the District, County or Regional (Scotland) Commissioner (as appropriate) and Appointments Advisory Committee must err on the side of caution and not appoint. The welfare and safety of young people must be the over-riding factor.

### 4.2 Age Limits

- a) The minimum age for all appointments is 18.
- b) There is no maximum age for appointments with the exception of Youth Commissioner appointments. Please see Rule 4.44f (iii) and Rule 5.35j (iii) for details.

### 4.3 Membership of the Movement

- a) Some roles require the applicant to become a Member of the Movement. These roles are indicated in Table 1 under the “Membership” column as “Member”.
- b) Some roles require the applicant to become an Associate Member of the Movement. These roles are indicated in Table 1 under the “Membership” column as “Associate Member”. In these cases, the applicant may choose to become a Member if they wish.
- c) Some roles do not require Membership or Associate Membership. These roles are indicated in Table 1 under the “Membership” column as “None”. In these cases, the applicant may choose to become a Member or an Associate Member if they wish.

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## 4.4 The Procedure for Making Appointments

### 4.4.1 Elected and Nominated Trustees, Presidents, and Vice Presidents<sup>SV</sup>

- a) All applicants standing for election or nomination as a trustee must be eligible as a charity trustee. It is the responsibility of the line manager as defined in Table 1 to ensure that the applicant is aware of this requirement.
- b) Chair, Treasurer and Secretary Appointments may not be held by Leaders, Managers or Supporters.
- c) When the relevant electoral body has elected a member of the Executive Committee or agreed the nomination of a member to the Executive Committee, the following process takes place.
- d) The role description must be agreed with the line manager as defined in Table 1.
- e) Within two weeks of the election or nomination, the applicant must initiate a Personal Enquiry.
- f) If the applicant is taking on the role of Honorary President (where the individual has no executive function or role), then a Personal Enquiry is not required.
- g) The applicant must be made aware of the following by the line manager as defined in Table 1:
  - i. Fundamentals of Scouting (POR Chapter 1);
  - ii. Key policies of Scouting (POR Chapter 2)
  - iii. responsibilities and commitments of the appointment;
  - iv. training obligations of the appointment; and
  - v. the procedure for the appointment of adults.
- h) The completed Adult Information Form (if used) must be sent to the Appointments Secretary. On receipt of the Form the Appointments Secretary will:
  - i. enter the details from the Form on the online member admin area at [scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk);
  - ii. ensure that any enquiries required are completed.
- i) On receipt of a satisfactory response to the Personal Enquiry, the appointment is confirmed and the Appointments Secretary informs the applicant.
- j) If the response to the Personal Enquiry is not satisfactory, the Appointments Advisory Committee will consider the matter and may refuse the appointment. In some cases Headquarters may refuse an application following an adverse Personal Enquiry.
- k) Once the appointment is confirmed the applicant will receive an appointment card directly from Headquarters.
- l) If the applicant is being re-elected or re-nominated without any break in service then a new Personal Enquiry and Adult Information Form are not required, unless it has been five years since the last Personal Enquiry when a further criminal record check is required.

### 4.4.2 Co-opted Trustees, Advisers, Assessors and Administrators<sup>SV</sup>

- a) Before an application is made for an appointment, the line manager (as defined in Table 1) must discuss the appointment with the applicant including agreement of the role description.
- b) All applicants for a co-opted trustee position must be eligible as a charity trustee. It is the responsibility of the line manager (as defined in Table 1) to ensure that the applicant is aware of this requirement.
- c) The applicant must be made aware of the following by the line manager (as defined in Table 1)
  - i. Fundamentals of Scouting (POR Chapter 1);
  - ii. key policies of Scouting (POR Chapter 2) ;
  - iii. responsibilities and commitments of the appointment;
  - iv. training obligations of the appointment; and
  - v. the procedure for the appointment of adults.
- d) The completed Adult Information Form (if used) must be sent to the Appointments Secretary. On receipt of the Form the Appointments Secretary will:

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- i. enter the details from the Form on the online member admin area at [scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk); and
    - ii. ensure that any enquiries required are completed.
  - e) If the response to the Personal Enquiry is not satisfactory, the Appointments Advisory Committee will consider the matter and may refuse the appointment. In some cases Headquarters may refuse an application following an adverse Personal Enquiry.
  - f) On receipt of a satisfactory response to the Personal Enquiry, the appointment is considered by the Approver (as defined in Table 1).
  - g) Once the Approver has confirmed the appointment the applicant will receive an appointment card directly from Headquarters.

#### **4.4.3 Scout Active Support Members<sup>sv</sup>**

- a) Membership of a Scout Active Support Unit is via the Appointment Process. The applicant must be made aware, by the Scout Active Support Manager or nominee, of the:
  - i. Fundamentals of Scouting (POR Chapter 1);
  - ii. key policies of Scouting (POR Chapter 2)
  - iii. responsibilities and commitments of membership;
  - iv. training obligations of membership (where appropriate); and
  - v. the procedure for the appointment of Members.
- b) The completed Adult Information Form (if used) must be sent to the Appointments Secretary. Upon receipt of the Form the Appointments Secretary will:
  - i. enter the details from the Form on the online member admin area at [scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk);
  - ii. ensure that any enquiries required are completed.
- c) If there is a satisfactory final response from Headquarters to any enquiry, where required, then an Appointment Card and Welcome Pack are sent to the Scout Active Support Member. Notification is sent to the Appointments Secretary. In some cases Headquarters may refuse an application following an adverse Personal Enquiry.
- d) The Appointments Secretary updates the online member admin area at [scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk) when the adult has completed Module 1.
- e) Scout Active Support Managers and Scout Active Support Co-ordinators are appointed through the process given in section 4.4.4 ("All Other Appointments").

#### **4.4.4 All Other Appointments<sup>sv</sup>**

- a) A person may apply for: an appointment or a change of appointment.
- b) Before an application is made for an appointment, the line manager (as defined in Table 1) must discuss the appointment with the applicant including agreement of the role description.
- c) The applicant must be made aware, by the line manager, of the:
  - i. Fundamentals of Scouting (POR Chapter 1);
  - ii. key policies of Scouting (POR Chapter 2)
  - iii. responsibilities and commitments of the appointment;
  - iv. training obligations of the appointment; and
  - v. the procedure for the appointment of adults.
- d) The completed Adult Information Form (if used) must be sent to the Appointments Secretary. Upon receipt of the Form the Appointments Secretary will:
  - i. enter the details from the Form on the online member admin area at [scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk);
  - ii. ensure that any enquiries required are completed;
  - iii. obtain any references required; and
  - iv. arrange for the applicant to meet with the Appointments Advisory Committee Panel as soon as possible.
- e) If the applicant's character and background are not known (as determined by the Appointments Advisory Committee), or if the applicant is returning to Scouting after a period of absence, the Appointments Secretary must arrange for at least two references in writing or



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electronically via Compass to be obtained to ascertain the person's suitability. References must be obtained using Form RF.

- f) In the event that the referee has given any indication that the applicant may not be suitable for an appointment, the Appointments Secretary should inform the Appointments Chair and arrange to contact the referee in confidence to establish further details.
- g) In the event of such references establishing that the person is not suitable for an adult appointment, full details must be sent by the Appointments Secretary to the Vetting Team at Headquarters in a letter marked "Private and Confidential". The relevant Commissioner must be informed.
- h) The Appointments Secretary will agree with the applicant a suitable date and time for the applicant to meet the Appointments Advisory Committee Panel.
- i) The Appointments Secretary will make the following available to the Appointments Advisory Committee Panel before it meets the applicant:
  - i. any relevant information from references; and
  - ii. the information gathered on the Adult Information Form or Compass
- j) When the Appointments Advisory Committee Panel has met with the applicant, it will inform the Appointments Secretary of its decision.
- k) If there is any uncertainty over the Appointments Advisory Committee Panel's approval of the appointment, the Appointments Chair must be informed. The Appointments Chair may decide to convene a meeting of the Appointments Advisory Committee to decide on what further steps should be taken to make a decision on the applicant.
- l) If the application is approved by the Appointments Advisory Committee Panel or a subsequent meeting of the Appointments Advisory Committee, the references are satisfactory, there is a satisfactory final response from Headquarters to the Personal Enquiry and the District, County or Regional (Scotland) Commissioner (as appropriate) agrees, the Appointments Secretary updates the applicant's record on the online member admin area at [scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk) with the details to issue a Provisional Appointment. In some cases Headquarters may refuse an application following an adverse Personal Enquiry.
- m) The Provisional Appointment is for a period of five months.
- n) During the Provisional Appointment, the Appointments Secretary must wait for the applicant to have completed the *Getting Started* Adult Training modules before updating the applicant's record on the online member admin area at [scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk) with the details to issue a full appointment. An appointment card will then be issued to the applicant and an appointment certificate sent to the District, County or Regional (Scotland) (as appropriate) for presentation.
- o) This rule has intentionally been left blank.
- p) If the Appointments Advisory Committee does not support the application, the Appointments Secretary will inform the District, County or Regional (Scotland) Commissioner (as appropriate) who, if accepting the Appointments Advisory Committee's conclusion, must submit, with the Appointments Secretary, a full report to Headquarters, marked "Private and Confidential".
- q) If the District, County or Regional (Scotland) Commissioner (as appropriate) does not accept the conclusion of the Appointments Advisory Committee, the application must be considered and reviewed by the Chair of the relevant District, County or Regional (Scotland) Executive Committee. The Executive Committee Chair's decision is final.
- r) In exceptional circumstances Headquarters may, notifying the responsible District, County or Regional (Scotland) Commissioner, refuse to issue an appointment.

#### **4.5 Provisional Appointments**

- a) A Provisional Appointment allows an adult volunteer to start getting involved in their new role whilst completing the appointment process.
- b) Provisional Appointments expire five months from the date of issue.
- c) A Provisional Appointment may be renewed only once by the District Commissioner, County or Regional (Scotland) Commissioner (as appropriate) in consultation with the relevant

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Appointments Advisory Committee. If at the end of the renewed Provisional Appointment period the applicant has failed to complete the requirements below then the appointment is cancelled using the Cancellation/Suspension (CS) Form.

- i. During the period of Provisional Appointment the relevant *Getting Started* modules must be completed.
- d) Ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the Provisional Appointment stage is successfully completed, including ensuring that minimum safety standards are met, rests with the line manager during the Provisional Appointment period.

#### **4.6 Full Appointments**

- a) A Full Appointment will be issued when an adult has satisfactorily completed the appointment process.
- b) On issue of a Full Appointment an adult will receive an appointment card directly from Headquarters.
- c) An adult holding a Full Appointment may have unsupervised access to young people in accordance with The Scout Association's Child Protection Policy.
- d) Any appointment may, in exceptional circumstances, be refused by Headquarters.

#### **4.7 Presenting the Certificate of Full Appointment**

- a) Certificates of Full Appointment must be presented by the District, County or Regional (Scotland) Commissioner (as appropriate) or their nominee as soon as possible after receipt.
- b) At the presentation of the certificate, adults who are to become Members of The Scout Association are invested and make or reaffirm the Scout Promise.

#### **4.8 Induction**

- a) The person specified in the column entitled "Responsible for Induction" in Table 1 will ensure that the applicant is given a full induction into the role starting when the applicant has agreed to apply for the appointment.

#### **4.9 Training**

- a) All appointed adults must undertake the training as specified in the column entitled "Training Obligations" in Table 1. If an appointment does not appear in Table 1 but has unsupervised access to young people then Module 1 must be undertaken.
- b) For those appointed adults that must complete a Wood Badge, if it is not completed within three years of the Full Appointment, the appointment may be cancelled by the relevant District, County or Regional (Scotland) Commissioner acting together with the Appointments Advisory Committee. Where the Appointments Advisory Committee and the relevant District, County or Regional (Scotland) Commissioner agree that there are genuine extenuating circumstances, one further period of up to two years may be allowed for the completion of the Wood Badge.
- c) For the Wood Badge to be awarded, an up to date first aid certificate (a minimum of First Response) and a valid Personal Enquiry (See POR Rules 3.26, 4.28 and 5.19) must be held.

### **5. Reviewing Appointments**

- a) The purpose of the review is to determine whether:
  - i. the appointment is to continue for another period; or
  - ii. the appointment is to be cancelled; or
  - iii. the adult will apply for a different role.
- b) The appointee's line manager is required to carry out a formal review at the end of each period of the appointment (or earlier if required by the relevant commissioner).
- c) Leaders, Managers and Supporters must hold an up to date first aid certificate (a minimum of First Response) at the point the review is undertaken. All adults are encouraged to maintain a first aid certificate at all times.
- d) The appointee must complete:

- i. approved safeguarding training;
- ii. approved Safety training;
- iii. a satisfactory Personal Enquiry

at least every five years. This must be monitored at the point of review.

- e) At a point no less than three months before an appointment is due to be reviewed, the Appointments Secretary will:
  - i. send the review form, Appointment Review (Form AR) to the person carrying out the review; and
  - ii. notify the person concerned that their appointment is due to be reviewed.
- f) After the review has been held the person carrying out the review will record the details on Form AR (including the recommended outcome of the review) and pass the completed form to the Appointments Secretary.
- g) The Appointments Advisory Committee and the relevant District, County or Regional (Scotland) Commissioner together consider the completed Form AR and reach a decision on the review of the appointment.
- h) The Appointments Secretary is informed and records the decision.
- i) The following table gives details of the line manager for each appointment who will carry out the review:

<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Carry out review</b>
Group appointments.	Group Scout Leader.
District appointments (not reporting to the District Commissioner).	Line manager of the individual.
District appointments reporting to the District Commissioner (including Group Scout Leader).	District Commissioner.
County/Area/Regional (Scotland) appointments (not reporting to the County/Area/Regional (Scotland) Commissioner).	Line manager of the individual.
County/Area/Regional (Scotland) appointments reporting to the County/Area/Regional (Scotland) Commissioner.	County/Area/Regional (Scotland) Commissioner.
Members of Executive Committees.	Not applicable due to election/nomination process at the AGM.

- j) The following appointments may be held by the same individual for a maximum of two consecutive five year periods: County Commissioner, Deputy County Commissioner, Regional Commissioner (Scotland), District Commissioner or Deputy District Commissioner.

As guidance it is suggested that this rule also be applied to District Scout Network Commissioners, County Training Managers, Assistant County Commissioners, Assistant Regional Commissioners (Scotland), Assistant District Commissioners and District Explorer Scout Commissioners.

- k) On the appointment of a County Commissioner, all appointments held at County level (including those of District Commissioners) will be subject to review.  
The review must be completed within six months of the County Commissioner's appointment.
- l) On the appointment of a District Commissioner, all appointments held at District level including Explorer Scout Leaders will be subject to review.  
The review must be completed within six months of the District Commissioner's appointment.

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## 6. Ceasing to hold an Appointment

- a. An appointee may resign an appointment by notifying the relevant Group Scout Leader or Commissioner.
- b. On ceasing to hold an appointment, in the case of satisfactory service, the Appointments Secretary will cancel the appointment on the online member admin area at [scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk).
- c. In the case of an individual with satisfactory service who has resigned due to moving out of the District, County or Region (Scotland), the Secretary enters the adult's new address on the online member admin area at [scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk), if known.
- d. If the adult's service has been unsatisfactory, Form CS must be completed with full details and sent to Headquarters via the District, County or Regional (Scotland) Commissioner as appropriate.
- e. On receipt of the Form CS, Headquarters will cancel the appointment and may seek further information on the cancellation if necessary.

## 7. Cancellation or Non-renewal of Appointments

- a. The relevant Commissioner and the Appointments Advisory Committee, acting together, may cancel or not renew any appointment on one or more of the following grounds:
  - the appointee agrees to resign when notified that a recommendation is to be made for the cancellation or non-renewal of the appointment;
  - the appointee has failed within the time limits satisfactorily to complete Adult Training appropriate to the appointment including *Ongoing* learning;
  - the appointment is not to be renewed following review;
  - the appointee has ceased or failed to perform the duties of the appointment satisfactorily;
  - it becomes evident that the appointee no longer accepts the fundamental principles of the Movement;
  - it becomes evident that the appointee is not an appropriate person in respect of the Association's Policies and Rules;
  - the adult does not hold a current first aid certificate (a minimum of First Response) if they hold a Leader, Manager or Supporter appointment;
  - the appointee has or is likely to bring the name of the Association into disrepute;
  - the appointment should be terminated following the closure of a Group, Explorer Scout Unit, District Scout Network or a Section.
- b. Additionally, in the case of provisional appointments, that:
  - the appointee has failed to complete the requirements of the provisional appointment.
- c. In exceptional circumstances Headquarters may, in consultation with the relevant Commissioner, cancel or refuse to renew an appointment.

## 8. Resolving Disagreements

- a. If there is a complaint from an applicant because the appointment has not been approved, the applicant may:
  1. In the first instance, meet the Appointments Chair and another member of the Appointments Advisory Committee (preferably a member who has not been part of the approval meeting for the complainant). This meeting shall allow the complainant to explain the problem and to see if an agreeable resolution can be found.

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2. If the complainant is still not satisfied after step one, the complainant may make an appeal to the Chair of the Executive Committee that is the parent body of the Appointments Advisory Committee.

The Chair may choose to ask a small number of members of the Executive Committee (not involved in the appointment of the individual) to investigate the issue and provide a confidential report to the Chair, whose decision is final.

Once step two has been completed, the complainant may not take the complaint any further.

b. If there is disagreement over appointment cancellation as the outcome of a review the individual may only appeal against the process:

1. In the first instance, meet the Appointments Chair and another member of the Appointments Advisory Committee. This meeting shall allow the complainant to explain the problem regarding the process and to see if an agreeable resolution can be found.

2. If the complainant is still not satisfied after step one, the complainant may make an appeal to the Chair of the Executive Committee that is the parent body of the Appointments Advisory Committee.

The Chair may choose to ask a small number of members of the Executive Committee (not involved in the review process of the individual) to investigate the issue and provide a confidential report to the Chair, whose decision is final.

Once step two has been completed, the complainant may not take the complaint any further.

## 8. Table 1: Appointments<sup>SV</sup>

Appointment	Line manager to help make the application	Approver	Relevant Commissioner or body	Responsible for induction	<u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u>	Training Obligations	Minimum Membership	Criminal Records Check Required	Appointment Review Required
<b>GROUP</b>									
Section Leader Assistant Section Leader	Group Scout Leader	District Appointments Advisory Committee.	District Commissioner or nominee	Group Scout Leader	Modules 1, 2 and 3	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
Assistant Group Scout Leader	Group Scout Leader	District Appointments Advisory Committee.	District Commissioner or nominee	Group Scout Leader	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
Section Assistant	Group Scout Leader	District Appointments Advisory Committee.	District Commissioner or nominee	Group Scout Leader	Modules 1 and 3 required (within 5 months)	No requirement	Associate Membership	Yes	Yes
Group Chair	Group Scout Leader	Group Scout Council at the AGM*	Group Scout Council	Group Scout Leader	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Group Secretary Group Treasurer	Members of the Group Scout Council	Group Scout Council at the AGM*	Group Scout Council	Group Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Other Elected Group Executive members	Members of the Group Scout Council	Group Scout Council at the AGM*	Group Scout Council	Group Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No

<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Line manager to help make the application</b>	<b>Approver</b>	<b>Relevant Commissioner or body</b>	<b>Responsible for induction</b>	<b><u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u></b>	<b>Training Obligations</b>	<b>Minimum Membership</b>	<b>Criminal Records Check Required</b>	<b>Appointment Review Required</b>
Nominated Group Executive members	Group Scout Leader	Group Scout Council at the AGM*	Group Scout Council	Group Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Co-opted Group Executive members	Group Chair	Group Executive Committee	Group Executive Committee	Group Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Group Administrator	Group Chair	Group Executive Committee	Group Executive Committee	Group Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	None	Yes	No
Group Adviser	Relevant Assistant District Commissioner	Group Executive Committee	Group Executive Committee	Relevant Assistant District Commissioner	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	Yes
Group Skills Instructor	Group Scout Leader	District Appointments Advisory Committee.	District Commissioner or nominee	Group Scout Leader	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Group President Group Vice President	Group Chair	Group Scout Council at the AGM*	Group Scout Council	Group Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required	None	No	No
Group Scout Active Support Manager	Group Scout Leader	District Appointments Advisory Committee	District Commissioner or nominee	Group Scout Leader	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes

Appointment	Line manager to help make the application	Approver	Relevant Commissioner or body	Responsible for induction	<u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u>	Training Obligations	Minimum Membership	Criminal Records Check Required	Appointment Review Required
Group Scout Active Support Co-ordinator	Group Scout Active Support Manager	District Appointments Advisory Committee	District Commissioner or nominee	Group Scout Active Support Manager	No requirement	Module 1 required	Associate Member	Yes	Yes
Group Scout Active Support Member	Group Scout Active Support Manager or nominee		Group Scout Active Support Manager or nominee	Group Scout Active Support Manager	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Committee/Sub Committee members (not being members of Executive Committee)	Group Chair	Group Executive	Group Executive	Group Chair	No requirement	None	None	Yes	No
<b>DISTRICT</b>									
Deputy District Commissioner	District Commissioner or nominee	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Commissioner or nominee	District Commissioner or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
District Youth Commissioner Assistant District Commissioner District Explorer Scout Commissioner District Scout Network Commissioner	District Commissioner or nominee	District Appointments Advisory Committee	District Commissioner or nominee	District Commissioner or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes



<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Line manager to help make the application</b>	<b>Approver</b>	<b>Relevant Commissioner or body</b>	<b>Responsible for induction</b>	<b><u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u></b>	<b>Training Obligations</b>	<b>Minimum Membership</b>	<b>Criminal Records Check Required</b>	<b>Appointment Review Required</b>
District Scouter	District Commissioner or nominee	District Appointments Advisory Committee	District Commissioner or nominee	District Commissioner or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
District Leader	District Commissioner or nominee	District Appointments Advisory Committee	District Commissioner or nominee	District Commissioner or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 3	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
Group Scout Leader	District Commissioner or nominee	District Appointments Advisory Committee.	District Commissioner or nominee	District Commissioner or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
District Explorer Scout Leader Explorer Scout Leader Assistant Explorer Scout Leader	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	District Appointments Advisory Committee.	District Commissioner or nominee	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Modules 1, 2 and 3	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
Unit Assistant	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	District Appointments Advisory Committee.	District Commissioner or nominee	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	No requirement	Modules 1 and 3 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	Yes
District Chair	District Commissioner or nominee	District Scout Council at the AGM*	District Scout Council	District Commissioner or nominee	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No

<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Line manager to help make the application</b>	<b>Approver</b>	<b>Relevant Commissioner or body</b>	<b>Responsible for induction</b>	<b><u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u></b>	<b>Training Obligations</b>	<b>Minimum Membership</b>	<b>Criminal Records Check Required</b>	<b>Appointment Review Required</b>
District Secretary District Treasurer	Members of the District Scout Council	District Scout Council at the AGM*	District Scout Council	District Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Elected District Executive members apart from the Secretary and Treasurer	Members of the District Scout Council	District Scout Council at the AGM*	District Scout Council	District Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Nominated District Executive members	District Commissioner or nominee	District Scout Council at the AGM*	District Scout Council	District Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Co-opted District Executive members	District Chair	District Executive Committee	District Executive	District Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
District Appointments Chair	District Chair	District Executive	District Executive	District Chair	No requirement	Module 1 (within 5 months) and module 37 required	None	No	No
District Appointment Advisory Committee members and Secretary/Assistant Secretary	District Appointments Chair	District Executive	District Executive	District Appointments Chair	No requirement	Module 1 (within 5 months) and module 37 required	None	No	No

<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Line manager to help make the application</b>	<b>Approver</b>	<b>Relevant Commissioner or body</b>	<b>Responsible for induction</b>	<b><u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u></b>	<b>Training Obligations</b>	<b>Minimum Membership</b>	<b>Criminal Records Check Required</b>	<b>Appointment Review Required</b>
District Administrator	District Chair	District Executive Committee	District Executive	District Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	None	No	No
Explorer Scout Administrator	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	District Commissioner or nominee	District Commissioner or nominee	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	None	Yes	No
District Adviser	Relevant Assistant District Commissioner	District Executive Committee	District Executive	Relevant Assistant District Commissioner	No requirement	Module 1 required (within 5 months) Module 25 (Nights Away Advisers) required for Nights Away Advisers	Associate Member	Yes	Yes
District Skills Instructor	District Commissioner or nominee	District Appointments Advisory Committee	District Commissioner or nominee	District Commissioner or nominee	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
District President District Vice President	District Chair	District Scout Council at the AGM*	District Scout Council	District Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required	None	No	No
District Scout Active Support Manager	District Commissioner or nominee	District Appointments Advisory Committee	District Commissioner or nominee	District Commissioner or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes

<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Line manager to help make the application</b>	<b>Approver</b>	<b>Relevant Commissioner or body</b>	<b>Responsible for induction</b>	<b><u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u></b>	<b>Training Obligations</b>	<b>Minimum Membership</b>	<b>Criminal Records Check Required</b>	<b>Appointment Review Required</b>
District Scout Active Support Co-ordinator	District Scout Active Support Manager	District Appointments Advisory Committee	District Commissioner or nominee	District Scout Active Support Manager	No requirement	Module 1 required	Associate Member	Yes	Yes
District Scout Active Support Member	District Scout Active Support Manager or nominee		District Scout Active Support Manager or nominee	District Scout Active Support Manager	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Committee/Sub-Committee members (not being members of Executive Committee)	District Chair	District Executive	District Chair	District Executive	No requirement	None	None	No	No
<b>COUNTY</b>									
County Youth Commissioner Deputy County Commissioner Assistant County Commissioner County Training Manager	County Commissioner or nominee	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Commissioner or nominee	County Commissioner or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes Yes Yes No	Yes
County Scouter	County Commissioner or nominee	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Commissioner or nominee	County Commissioner or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes

<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Line manager to help make the application</b>	<b>Approver</b>	<b>Relevant Commissioner or body</b>	<b>Responsible for induction</b>	<b><u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u></b>	<b>Training Obligations</b>	<b>Minimum Membership</b>	<b>Criminal Records Check Required</b>	<b>Appointment Review Required</b>
County Leader	County Commissioner or nominee	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Commissioner or nominee	County Commissioner or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 3	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
District Commissioner	County Commissioner or nominee	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Commissioner or nominee	County Commissioner or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
County Chair	County Commissioner or nominee	County Scout Council at the AGM*	County Scout Council	County Commissioner or nominee	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
County Secretary County Treasurer	Members of the County Scout Council	County Scout Council at the AGM*	County Scout Council	County Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Elected County Executive members except the Secretary and Treasurer	Members of the County Scout Council	County Scout Council at the AGM*	County Scout Council	County Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Nominated County Executive members	County Commissioner or nominee	County Scout Council at the AGM*	County Scout Council	County Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Co-opted County Executive members	County Chair	County Executive	County Executive	County Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No

<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Line manager to help make the application</b>	<b>Approver</b>	<b>Relevant Commissioner or body</b>	<b>Responsible for induction</b>	<b><u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u></b>	<b>Training Obligations</b>	<b>Minimum Membership</b>	<b>Criminal Records Check Required</b>	<b>Appointment Review Required</b>
County Appointments Chair	County Chair	County Executive	County Executive	County Chair	No requirement	Module 1 (within 5 months) and module 37 required	None	No	No
County Appointment Advisory Committee members and Secretary/Assistant Secretary	County Appointments Chair	County Executive	County Executive	County Appointments Chair	No requirement	Module 1 (within 5 months) and module 37 required	None	No	No
County Administrator	County Chair	County Executive	County Executive	County Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	None	No	No
County Adviser	Relevant Assistant County Commissioner	County Executive	County Executive	Relevant Assistant County Commissioner	No requirement	Module 1 required (within 5 months) Module 25 (Nights Away Advisers) required for Nights Away Advisers	Associate Member	Yes	Yes

Appointment	Line manager to help make the application	Approver	Relevant Commissioner or body	Responsible for induction	<u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u>	Training Obligations	Minimum Membership	Criminal Records Check Required	Appointment Review Required
County Assessor	County Manager of the Activity Permit Scheme or relevant Assistant County Commissioner or County Adviser for Scout Show Assessors	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Commissioner or nominee	County Manager of the Activity Permit Scheme or relevant Assistant County Commissioner or County Adviser for Scout Show Assessors	No requirement	Module 25 (Activity Assessors or Scout Show Assessors) required Module 1 recommended	Associate Member	Yes	Yes
County Skills Instructor	County Commissioner or nominee	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Commissioner or nominee	County Commissioner or nominee	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
County President County Vice President	County Chair	County Scout Council at the AGM*	County Scout Council	County Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required	None	No	No
County Scout Active Support Manager	County Commissioner or nominee	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Commissioner or nominee	County Commissioner or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
County Scout Active Support Co-ordinator	County Scout Active Support Manager	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Commissioner or nominee	County Scout Active Support Manager	No requirement	Module 1 required	Associate Member	Yes	Yes

<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Line manager to help make the application</b>	<b>Approver</b>	<b>Relevant Commissioner or body</b>	<b>Responsible for induction</b>	<b><u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u></b>	<b>Training Obligations</b>	<b>Minimum Membership</b>	<b>Criminal Records Check Required</b>	<b>Appointment Review Required</b>
County Scout Active Support Member	County Scout Active Support Manager or nominee		County Scout Active Support Manager or nominee	County Scout Active Support Manager	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Committee/Sub-Committee members (not being members of Executive Committee)	County Chair	County Executive	County Executive	County Chair	No requirement	None	None	No	No
Safeguarding Awareness Co-ordinator	County Commissioner or nominee	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Commissioner or nominee	County Commissioner or nominee	No requirement	Module 1 required. HQ approved CPC training within one year of appointment. Ongoing refresher training.	Member	No	Yes
County Media Manager	County Commissioner or nominee	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Commissioner or nominee	County Commissioner or nominee	No requirement	Module 1 required. (Within 5 months)	Member	No	Yes
County Safety Co-ordinator	County Chair	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Executive	County Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	None	No	Yes



<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Line manager to help make the application</b>	<b>Approver</b>	<b>Relevant Commissioner or body</b>	<b>Responsible for induction</b>	<b><u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u></b>	<b>Training Obligations</b>	<b>Minimum Membership</b>	<b>Criminal Records Check Required</b>	<b>Appointment Review Required</b>
Local Training Manager	County Training Manager	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Commissioner or nominee	County Training Manager	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	No	Yes
Trainer	County Training Manager	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Commissioner or nominee	County Training Manager	No requirement	Module 1 (within 5 months) and then one or more of the following modules (depending on role description): Module 27, Module 28, Module 29	Associate Member	No	Yes
Local Training Administrator/District Training Administrator	Local Training Manager	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Commissioner or nominee	Local Training Manager	No requirement	Module 1 (within 5 months) and 30 required	None	No	No
County Training Administrator	County Training Manager	County Executive	County Commissioner or nominee	County Training Manager	No requirement	Module 1 (within 5 months) and 30 required	None	No	No
Training Adviser	County Training Manager	County Appointments Advisory Committee	County Commissioner or nominee	County Training Manager	Module 1 and 25 required	None	None	No	Yes
<b>REGION (ENGLAND)</b>									

Appointment	Line manager to help make the application	Approver	Relevant Commissioner or body	Responsible for induction	<u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u>	Training Obligations	Minimum Membership	Criminal Records Check Required	Appointment Review Required
Regional Commissioner	Chief Commissioner of England	HQ Appointments Advisory Committee	Chief Commissioner of England	Chief Commissioner of England or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
Assistant Regional Commissioner (Growth)	Regional Commissioner	HQ Appointments Advisory Committee	Chief Commissioner of England Deputy UK Chief Commissioner	Deputy UK Chief Commissioner or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
Regional Training Manager	Training Support Manager (England)	HQ Appointments Advisory Committee	UK Commissioner for Adult Support or nominee	Training Support Manger (England)	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
Regional Administrator	Regional Commissioner	HQ Appointments Advisory Committee	Regional Commissioner	Regional Commissioner	No requirement	Module 1 required (within 5 months)	Member	No	No
<b>SCOTLAND</b>									
Regional Commissioner (Scotland)	Chief Commissioner of Scotland or nominee	Scottish Council of the Association	Chief Commissioner of Scotland or nominee	Chief Commissioner of Scotland or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
Assistant Regional Commissioner (Scotland)	Regional Commissioner or nominee	Regional Appointments Advisory Committee	Regional Commissioner or nominee	Regional Commissioner or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes

<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Line manager to help make the application</b>	<b>Approver</b>	<b>Relevant Commissioner or body</b>	<b>Responsible for induction</b>	<b><u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u></b>	<b>Training Obligations</b>	<b>Minimum Membership</b>	<b>Criminal Records Check Required</b>	<b>Appointment Review Required</b>
District Commissioner (Scotland)	Regional Commissioner or nominee	Regional Appointments Advisory Committee	Regional Commissioner or nominee	Regional Commissioner or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
Regional Chair (Scotland)	Regional Commissioner or nominee	Regional Scout Council at the AGM*	Regional Scout Council	Regional Commissioner or nominee	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	Yes
Regional Treasurer (Scotland) Regional Secretary (Scotland)	Members of the Regional Scout Council	Regional Scout Council at the AGM*	Regional Scout Council	Regional Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Elected Regional Executive Members excluding Treasurer and Secretary (Scotland)	Members of the Regional Scout Council	Regional Scout Council at the AGM*	Regional Scout Council	Regional Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Regional Appointments Chair (Scotland)	Regional Chair	Regional Executive	Regional Executive	Regional Chair	No requirement	Module 1 (within 5 months) and module 37	None	No	No
Regional Appointments Advisory Committee Members including Secretary/Assistant Secretary (Scotland)	Regional Appointments Chair	Regional Executive	Regional Executive	Regional Appointments Chair	No requirement	Module 1 (within 5 months) and module 37 required	None	No	No

<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Line manager to help make the application</b>	<b>Approver</b>	<b>Relevant Commissioner or body</b>	<b>Responsible for induction</b>	<b><u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u></b>	<b>Training Obligations</b>	<b>Minimum Membership</b>	<b>Criminal Records Check Required</b>	<b>Appointment Review Required</b>
Regional Administrators (Scotland)	Regional Chair	Regional Executive	Regional Executive	Regional Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	None	No	No
Regional Advisers (Scotland)	Relevant Assistant Regional Commissioner (Scotland) or Regional Adviser (Scotland)	Regional Executive	Regional Executive	Relevant Assistant Regional Commissioner (Scotland) or Regional Adviser (Scotland)	No requirement	Module 1 required (within 5 months) Module 25 (Nights Away Advisers) required for Nights Away Advisers	Associate Member	Yes	Yes
Regional Assessor (Scotland)	Regional Manager of the Activity Permit Scheme or relevant Regional Adviser for Scout Show Assessors	Regional Executive	Regional Executive	Regional Manager of the Activity Permit Scheme or relevant Regional Adviser for Scout Show Assessors	No requirement	Module 25 (Activity Assessors or Scout Show Assessors) required	Associate Member	No	Yes
Regional Skills Instructors (Scotland)	Regional Commissioner (Scotland) or nominee	Regional Appointments Advisory Committee	Regional Commissioner (Scotland) or nominee	Regional Commissioner (Scotland) or nominee	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No

Appointment	Line manager to help make the application	Approver	Relevant Commissioner or body	Responsible for induction	<u>Getting Started requirement for full appointment</u>	Training Obligations	Minimum Membership	Criminal Records Check Required	Appointment Review Required
Regional President and Vice Presidents (Scotland)	Regional Chair	Regional Executive in conjunction with the Chief Commissioner of Scotland	Regional Executive	Regional Chair	No requirement	Module 1 required	None	No	No
Regional Scout Active Support Manager (Scotland)	Regional Commissioner or nominee	Regional Appointments Advisory Committee	Regional Commissioner or nominee	Regional Commissioner or nominee	Modules 1, 2 and 4	Wood Badge and First Aid certificate required	Member	Yes	Yes
Regional Scout Active Support Co-ordinator (Scotland)	Regional Scout Active Support Manager	Regional Appointments Advisory Committee	Regional Commissioner or nominee	Regional Scout Active Support Manager	No requirement	Module 1 required	Associate Member	Yes	Yes
Regional Scout Active Support Member (Scotland)	Regional Scout Active Support Manager		Regional Scout Active Support Manager	Regional Scout Active Support Manager	No requirement	Module 1 required (Within 5 months)	Associate Member	Yes	No
Regional Training Adviser (Scotland)	Assistant Regional Commissioner (Adult Training)	Regional Appointments Advisory Committee	Assistant Regional Commissioner (Adult Training)	Assistant Regional Commissioner (Adult Training)	No requirement	Module 1 (within 5 months) and Module 25 required	None	No	Yes

Notes: \*Approval of these appointments would normally take place at the relevant Council AGM, however this could instead take place at an Extraordinary Meeting of the relevant Council.

## Safeguarding and Vetting Decision Guidance

### 1. On Barred / Disqualified List

Applicant barred

*Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006* (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/47/contents> )

*Northern Ireland Order* (<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/disclosure-and-barring-protecting-children-and-vulnerable-adults>)

*Protecting Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007* (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2007/14/contents>)

**EXCLUSION – NO APPEAL**

### 2. Any offence perpetrated as an adult against a child demonstrating a sexual interest in children

A range of threshold applied by different courts. A finding of guilt made in a criminal court ('Beyond reasonable doubt') or in Civil Courts ('Balance of Probability'). This includes offences defined by the Sexual Offences Act 2003 such as rape and other sexual assaults, indecent images of children, grooming, trafficking (children), voyeurism (children), and exposure of genitals with intent to distress or alarm (children).

[http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/fact\\_sheets/sexual\\_offences/](http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/fact_sheets/sexual_offences/)

This also includes sexual offences against children in another jurisdiction e.g. outside UK.

**EXCLUSION – NO APPEAL**

### 3. Other offences perpetrated by an adult against a child where the child suffered significant harm

A conviction in the criminal or judicial finding in another court defined in the link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-offences-against-children>

This should include the offence of child neglect where the adult was convicted in the criminal court or made an Admission of guilt, accepted a Caution or a finding was made in the civil courts.

**EXCLUSION – NO APPEAL**

### 4. Adverse reference from a statutory agency or other professional source

Authorised by Policy, Organisation and Rules (Rule 4.1b) *"An adult may not have an involvement in Scouting where a current report from an appropriate professional or statutory source suggests that the individual is not an appropriate person to hold a position in Scouting"*

The source should be on the Competent Authorities list.

**EXCLUSION – NO APPEAL**

### 5. Conviction for serious offences against the person (adult)

To include: murder, rape, crimes associated with organising sexual exploitation, serious crimes of violence including convictions for domestic abuse, abuse or exploitation of a vulnerable adult. To also include drug, arms and people trafficking and sexual exploitation.

**EXCLUSION – NO APPEAL**

### 6. Applicant under 18 at time of an offence that would otherwise attract national action

Consideration should be given to whether the applicant's youth or additional needs was directly relevant to their behaviour.

The decision makers must have a clear understanding that some childhood behaviours can become more embedded rather than dissipating with age e.g. some child-on-child sexual offending. Each case must be considered individually, informed by the best research.

**FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

### **7. Offence which causes serious doubt about suitability**

For example: offences against the person ( including manslaughter) , threats of violence, supplying controlled substances, possession of Class A drugs in the recent past (last 2 years).

An allegation of a sexual offence (adult victim) not progressed to trial.

Low-level/minor sexual offence (adult victim) committed many years previously.

Some offences of indecent exposure where the intention was not to alarm or distress.

Offences between consenting adults in public areas.

Presumption of exclusion where the total information available about the applicant implies that their involvement may:

1. Adversely affect the health and welfare of young people
2. Adversely affect the reputation of scouting
3. Adversely affect the welfare or other adults, scouting operations or the individual concerned

**FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

### **8. Offence which causes doubt about the individual's compatibility with Scouting values**

Not an exhaustive list: harassment, blackmail, hate crime.

Presumption of exclusion where the total information available about the applicant implies that their involvement may:

1. Adversely affect the health and welfare of young people
2. Adversely affect the reputation of scouting
3. Adversely affect the welfare or other adults, scouting operations or the individual concerned

**FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

### **9. Non-conviction information provided by other sources/held on TSA confidential records**

Where required passed to Medical Advisor for guidance.

Presumption of exclusion where the total information available about the applicant implies that their involvement may:

1. Adversely affect the health and welfare of young people
2. Adversely affect the reputation of scouting
3. Adversely affect the welfare or other adults, scouting operations or the individual concerned

**FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

### **10. Barred from Trusteeship**

Only applies to applicants for roles providing trustee status where the applicant is disqualified by law from acting as a charity trustee (e.g. unspent conviction for an offence involving dishonesty or deception).

**FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

### **11. Minor and unrelated (to scouting) offences**

For example: minor motoring offences, minor thefts, criminal damage.

Three or fewer offences committed more than ten years ago

**DISCLOSURE CONSIDERED TO BE 'CLEAR' FOR SCOUTING PURPOSES**

### **12. Other conviction/caution**

**DISCLOSURE INFORMATION PASSED TO RELEVANT COMMISSIONER AND APPOINTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH TECHNICAL ADVICE FOR CONSIDERATION**

Exclusion under boxes 1 to 5 are permanent. Exclusion under boxes 6 to 10 might be reconsidered in some circumstances after some period of time (for example such the application now meets the test of "three or fewer offences committed more than ten years ago" as given in box 11).

## Risk Assessment Tool

### Safeguarding Assessment

General Information	
Applicants Name:	
Membership Number:	
Appointment applied for:	
Date assessment started:	

Documentation/evidence used in assessment	
Tick all items used:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Confidential check</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Criminal record check</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Information from applicant</li> </ul>
Other information used:	

Relevant information from the confidential check

Criminal records check	
Issuing authority:	
Date received:	
Nature of the offence: (based on the Safeguarding and Vetting Decision Guidance and information from the criminal records check)	
Seriousness of the offence: (determined by charge)	
Disposal issued by court:	
Length of time since offence occurred:	
Applicants age at the time of offence:	
Any explanation of the circumstances or mitigating factors that have been given:	
Any other comments:	



<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	
Risk to young people	
Risk to reputation	
Risk to self or others	

<b>CASE ASSESSMENT AND APPROVAL</b>			
Safeguarding team recommendation:			
Name:		Date:	
Approval from Head of Safeguarding:			
Name:		Date:	
For exclusions requiring approval from a Chief Commissioner:			
Recommendation to Chief Commissioner:			
Decision from Chief Commissioner:			
Name:		Date:	
Date of final decision:			
Final decision:			
Date applicant informed:			

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