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of Defence

# Director of Service Prosecutions

RAF Northolt, Ruislip, Middlesex  
£130,000 pa – fixed-term basis for a period of five years

The Service Prosecuting Authority (SPA) was formed through the merger of the Naval Prosecuting Authority, Army Prosecuting Authority and Royal Air Force Prosecuting Authority, enabling operational effectiveness and fairness by a single system of Service prosecution.

As Director of Service Prosecutions (DSP) you will head the Service Prosecuting Authority, whose purpose is to review cases referred to it by the Service Police or Chain of Command and to prosecute appropriate cases at Court Martial or Service Civilian Court. The SPA will also act as respondent in the Summary Appeal Court and represent the Crown at the Court Martial Appeal Court.

We are looking for an exceptional, highly motivated and impactful individual to deliver a fair, efficient and high-quality prosecution service. This is a highly prestigious post, appointed by HM The Queen. As such, to be successful you will have well developed legal instincts, you will have experience of heavyweight court work, and diplomacy, tact and firmness in dealing with the issues the SPA faces. Imperative for the success of this role is fostering excellent working relationships with all stakeholders in the Service Justice System; all constituent parts rely heavily on each other for the effective functioning of the SPA.

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