

New Magistrates Needed



***Are you interested in volunteering?
Are you interested in justice and upholding the law?
Have you ever thought of becoming a Magistrate?***

Magistrates are volunteers who typically sit on a bench of 3 and, with advice from a legal advisor, decide on 95% of all criminal cases heard in the Magistrates court. Magistrates sentencing powers range from Conditional Discharge through to 6 months in custody. No legal knowledge is required as full training is provided along with assistance from dedicated mentors. Selection is based on whether candidates possess the 6 key qualities needed to become a magistrate who are required to commit to a minimum of 13 days sitting per year in addition to training days.

Why not think about applying?

The Cheshire Advisory Committee have now opened the recruitment window to recruit 40 new Magistrates who are needed across the County of Cheshire, sitting in the Chester, Crewe and Warrington Magistrate Court Houses.

For more information, please visit:

www.gov.uk/become-magistrate/apply-to-be-a-magistrate

Where you will find details of what is required to become a magistrate, what is involved in being a magistrate, and how to apply to the Cheshire Advisory Committee.

Applications can be accepted until 30th September, but once a suitable number have been received they will close, so please do not wait to apply.

Please note, it is a requirement of your application to have observed at least 1 session at a Magistrate Court (preferably in Cheshire) as part of the selection process.