

Sue Patten - Biography

Sue Patten has been Head of the Specialist Fraud Division of the Crown Prosecution Service since 2011, following four years as Director of Criminal Law at the Attorney General's Office.

Sue started her career as a trainee legal adviser in the Magistrates' Courts in 1983. After qualifying as a barrister she was a prosecutor for the CPS between 1985 and 1998, including two years spent on secondment to the Attorney General's Office as a legal adviser. In 1998 she joined the Treasury Solicitor's Office, which represents the Government in civil litigation, and in 2000 undertook her second period with the Attorney General's Office. Between 2003 and 2007 she was head of a number of civil and criminal advisory and litigation teams in Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) before returning to the CPS in her current post in 2011.

The Specialist Fraud Division prosecutes serious and complex fraud and corruption cases investigated by the police and National Crime Agency, and all cases of tax and excise evasion, benefit fraud, illegal arms brokering and other specialist prosecutions.