Mr Mark Wilson took up his appointment as Director of the Probation Service on the 20th July 2020. The Director noted “*It is a proud moment for me and it is my honour to lead the Service into the next phase of its development. I know how effective community sanctions can be, to reduce crime and help rebuild lives. I look forward to working closely with the team in the Probation Service to deliver on our mandate and contribute to the broader work of the Department of Justice and Equality in creating a safe, fair and inclusive Ireland. I am particularly interested in the need to strengthen the joint approach to offender management and community safety, across the criminal justice system. This is an area on which I will particularly concentrate, along with my new team*.”

A qualified social worker, Mark Wilson has previously held positions in the Irish Prison Service (as Deputy Director of Operations) and in the Probation Service. During his earlier periods in the Probation Service, he contributed to the setting up of both the Sex Offender Risk Assessment and Management (SORAM) and the Joint Agency Response to Crime (JARC) models of joint offender management. Most recently he has served as a Principal Officer in the Department of Justice and Equality International Protection Accommodation Service