

## **Jersey Care Commission Meeting**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

### **Meeting Summary**

#### **1.0 Welcome, Apologies, Introductions & Declarations of Interest**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies and no new declarations of interest.

#### **2.0 Minutes of the Last Meeting, Matters Arising and Review of Actions**

The minutes of the May meeting were approved, with two minor amendments. Actions arising from the meeting were reviewed. One action was closed. Two other actions were agenda items and would be closed following discussion. One action was ongoing and would be reviewed at the September Board.

The minute summary was approved, with one minor amendment agreed.

#### **3.0 Chair's Report**

The Chair provided a written report and advised that:

- The Chief Inspector has submitted her resignation. Following a tender process, the recruitment agency Penna has been selected to conduct the search, with interviews scheduled for September.
- Recruitment of a new Commissioner is ongoing, with a closing date of 20 August.
- The Chair and Chief Inspector recently met with Paul Martin, the interim Chief Executive, Government of Jersey.
- A report on the Health and Social Security Panel's Review of Maternity Services was published on 6 July, and one of the 16 recommendations refers to the Care Commission being involved in establishing a quality framework to support the maternity service.
- The Chair and Chief Inspector are scheduled to meet with the Minister for Health to discuss the Ethical Care Charter.
- A final report from the Jersey Assisted Dying Citizens' Jury is due to be published in September.
- The Commission's 2020 Annual Report has been published.

#### **4.0 Chief Inspector (CI) Update**

The Chief Inspector presented a written report and advised that:

- The Modernisation and Digital team are in the process of identifying the necessary IT resources to support the new Professional Registration Law.
- There has been a significant rise in dental nurse registrations, which reflects the ending of the exemption for registration in February 2021.
- Three new members of the Team have commenced their roles.
- Inspections are continuing as scheduled; 18 have taken place since the last Board meeting.
- As a result of a lack of availability of places in registered children's homes, some children are being provided with accommodation and care in unregistered premises. This matter is under close review and the Commission will escalate this as necessary.
- Covid-19 numbers are currently rising, and the team will follow the guidance issued regarding home working.
- The Commission has taken escalation and enforcement action on three occasions since the last Board meeting.
- The CI wrote to the Minister for Health and Social Services on 3 June regarding Significant Restriction on Liberty (SRoL) authorisations. It is of concern that SRoLs have been authorised in people's own homes. A response to the letter has not yet been received.

#### **4.1 Individual Care Workers**

CI presented an update of a review of the register of Individual Care Workers. This has resulted in the Commission enhancing its monitoring arrangements relating to domiciliary care workers. Some registrants have requested removal from the register. The review will be an annual event going forward.

#### **5.0 Legislative amendments and consultation**

The Chair welcomed Francis Walker (FW), Policy Principal, Government of Jersey. FW presented an overview of the impact of the new Regulations under the Regulation of Care (Jersey) Law 2014. The Board agreed to contribute to the formal consultation and to continue the development of the necessary Standards.

#### **6.0 Head of Governance, Policy and Standards (HGPS) update**

HGPS advised that information leaflets have been produced which provide a summary of the role of the Commission and contact details.

An update was provided relating to the development of nine sets of Standards relating to the regulation of statutory children's service provision.

HGPS presented five papers:

#### **6.1 Integrated Risk Register**

Ten risks were identified. It was acknowledged that some are outside of the Commission's direct control and will be discussed with the Director General of

Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance (SPPP). Measures have been put in place to mitigate some risks and the risk ratings shall be adjusted accordingly.

## **6.2 Budget Summary June 2021**

HGPS advised that the Commission was in a year to date underspend position at month 6 (June 21), but that there is a predicted overspend by the year end, mainly on account of rental costs associated with the Commission's relocation to new office accommodation. The Chair advised that the Commission's 2022 and 2023 expenditure plans should be discussed at the next Board meeting.

## **6.3 Escalation, Enforcement and Review Policy**

HGPS advised that the policy is working well, but the Board might consider the inclusion of a Representation Panel. The Commission agreed that an amendment to the policy should be made, including a paragraph relating to members of the panel providing pre-hearing advice.

## **6.4 Medical Practitioners Register**

The Commission maintains a register of all medical practitioners registered in Jersey which needs to be updated. Legal advice will be necessary and is in the process of being sought. The process of cleansing the register will be a manual exercise, but the renewals process will be managed electronically in future.

## **6.5 Advisory Review**

BDO, acting on behalf of the Internal Auditor, has concluded an advisory review of the Commission's governance arrangements and has made a series of recommendations. BDO advised that the Government of Jersey is in the process of concluding a final review of the draft report.

HGPS provided an update on the progress in achieving each of the nine recommendations. Some have been concluded by the Commission, others are in progress and some are largely outside of the control of the Commission. In respect of the latter, the Commission will discuss these recommendations with the Director General of SPPP to determine how these might be concluded.

## **7.0 AOB**

No other business was discussed.

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