

## **Jersey Care Commission**

### **Chair's Report**

**18 September 2024**

#### **1.0 Recruitment of the Chair**

The recruitment process, being overseen by the Jersey Appointments Commission, is underway. The deadline for applications was Sunday 08 September.

Membership of the Interview Panel is confirmed. The shortlisting process will be in the week commencing 23 September with interviews scheduled week commencing 14 October.

In the event of a successful outcome and Ministerial approval, I anticipate a smooth transfer to the new Chair at an agreed date after the November Board meeting.

#### **2.0 Regulation of Care (Jersey) Law (Proposed Amendments)**

The Minister remains fully committed to extending the reach of independent regulation, bringing hospital, ambulance and adult mental health services within the purview of the Commission next year. The proposed amendments will also include changes to Schedule 2 of the Law, covering issues such as recruitment of Commissioners, exclusions from serving as a Commissioner and the maximum term of office.

#### **3.0 Budgets for 2025 and 2026**

The budget settlements for 2025 and 2026 have been published by the Government of Jersey. Savings targets to be achieved by the Commission in both years. These targets will be discussed in the Finance section of the public Board meeting.

Whilst there are options to achieve the savings for 2025, the 2026 target will be more challenging.

#### **4.0 Celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Care Commission**

In partnership with Switch Digital the Commission has issued recent social media postings (short video clips) recognising the fifth anniversary of the Care Commission. So far, clips of the Chair, Chief Executive and a Regulation Officer (Linzi Mudge) speaking about their respective roles and responsibilities, have been released. Other short videos will be issued later this month, including comments from a Care Provider and a Service User.

## 5.0 Quarterly Liaison Meeting with SPPP

The Q3 liaison meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 24 September by Teams, Noreen Kent and Kate Chamberlain both attending. The Q2 minutes will be circulated to Commissioners following the Q3 meeting.

## 6.0 Key Stakeholders

The table identifies key stakeholders who have been invited to attend either a Board Meeting or Board Workshop. The Board may wish to consider a round of possible invitations for 2025.

It was agreed in principle that invitations should preferably be issued for on Island meetings in the months of February, May, July and September.

Minister for Health and Social Services	Deputy Tom Binet	Attended July 2024 Board
Minister for the Environment	Deputy Steve Luce	Invited to the July 2024 Board – Unable to attend
Chair of Safeguarding Partnership Board	David Goosey	Invited to September Board – Unable to attend until 2025. Met with previous Chair, Sarah Elliott September 2023
Children's Commissioner	Dr Carmel Corrigan	Met with Previous Chair Deborah McMillan September 2021
Minister for Children and Education	Constable Richard Vibert & Deputy Rob Ward	Met with Deputy Ina Gardiner, Previous minister for Children and Young People in May 2023
Head of Policy	Francis Walker	Attended February Workshop to discuss consultation of professional regulation. Attended May Board to discuss the proposed changes to the Laws governing professional registration.
Assistant Chief Executive Officer	Tom Walker	Invitation to attend September Workshop
Policy Lead	Anna Hamon	Attended the May 2023 Board
Health and Community Services Advisory Board		Open invitation provided
Associate Director Policy	Ruth Johnson	Attended the July 2024 Board with Minister Binet

## 7.0 November Board Meeting

The next Board meeting, scheduled for Wednesday 20 November, by Teams, is the final meeting of 2024 and will be my final meeting as Chair of JCC.