

Jersey Care Commission

Chair's Report

18 June 2025

Since the last Board meeting Becky Sherrington and the team have been working hard to finalise and publish the Annual Report, which I hope reflects the work that you all undertook over the year. The content and layout of the report is very clearly presented and I would like to thank Mark Silver for his work to produce such a comprehensive report.

I am very proud to have joined the team at the beginning of the year and am delighted that the inspection frameworks for the forthcoming extension of our regulation into acute, ambulance and adult mental health services have been completed and shared with stakeholders.

Whilst I recognise the contribution that each and every one of us has made to completing this crucial development for the Jersey Care Commission, I feel sure that you would join me in extending particular thanks to Valter Fernandes for his leadership of this work. I know that we are all keen to thank Valter and wish him well in his new role when we meet for the Conference and Board meeting next week but I wanted to use this opportunity to thank him for his work, and for being such a fantastic member of the team.

As the Chief Inspector reports, a number of us attended the Institute of Regulation annual conference. One of the key themes was the need for Regulators to ensure that regulatory interactions with providers balanced the need to ensure that regulations are being met with the impact and burden of the regulatory activity. I feel confident that the approach that Jersey Care Commission is taking will support this important part of our duty to the public and regulated providers, and know that this is an area that we as Commissioners and the Chief Inspector and her team will be exploring over the remainder of this year.

We welcome the EPSO conference to Jersey on the 16th/17th June and I am sure that the meeting will be a great success. Again, my thanks to Valter Fernandes and Becky Sherrington for their work to bring together both the meeting itself and a very interesting agenda and cohort of speakers.

Over the course of the last few months the Chief Inspector and I have met with the Government of Jersey Team and I have met with the Minister for Health. Our progress and preparations have been greatly appreciated as the law extending our regulations is being finalised in preparation for laying down into law.

As we approach the second half of 2025 I feel sure that the foundations that the Commission has laid down will stand us in good stead for the extension of our regulation that lies ahead.