

Jersey Care Commission

Chair's Report

23 July 2025

In the short time since we last met together as a Board there has been positive feedback from the EPSO conference that was held in Jersey for the first time in June 2025.

I would like to thank Valter, Ewa, Becky and the team for their organisation of such a high-quality conference. I also want to extend my thanks to our Minister, Deputy Luce, for taking the time to open and attend part of the conference and to Commissioner colleagues for their contribution as hosts and delegates. I learned a lot, and felt that the JCC presentations, especially that of Noreen and Linzi, were of high quality and added significantly to the exchange of experience and improvements that all regulators aspire to. I have used a number of the themes and ideas since the meeting, and the idea of the 5th Province “Uishneach” as a way of approaching shared accountability and responsibility for solving problems is one that will live long in the memory.

I met with the Children’s Minister, Deputy Vibert, and Assistant Children’s Minister, Deputy Ferey, on 11th July and had a very constructive meeting about the improvements that are being made and the developments planned for Children’s services. I think that it is a tribute to the work and role of the JCC and the services to see the improvements that are being made following previous concerns.

Following confirmation of the intention that the Minister for the Environment will lodge the amendments to the Regulation of Care (Jersey) Law 2014, JCC continues plans for readiness to regulate services in the acute hospital, ambulance services and adult mental health.

I know that Commissioners will support the development of this approach and implementation planning once the amendments to the Regulation of Care (Jersey) Law 2014 are made. We will also continue our role in the assurance and development of regulation of services currently in scope, mindful of the need to balance our regulatory accountabilities and the impact of our work upon regulated services.