



Assisted Dying - DRAFT Frequently Asked Questions

The Jersey Care Commission has developed a set of frequently asked questions about our future role in the independent regulation of the Jersey Assisted Dying Service and the work taking place to prepare for regulation.

1. What is the current position on assisted dying in Jersey?

The Assisted Dying (Jersey) Law was adopted by the States Assembly on 26 February 2026 and received Royal Assent on 9 July 2026.

The Government of Jersey has advised that there will be a minimum 18-month implementation period before its assisted dying services can begin, with September 2027 currently the earliest anticipated date for the Law to come into effect.

2. What will Jersey Care Commission's role be in the Assisted Dying Service?

As part of the implementation of the Assisted Dying (Jersey) Law, our remit as Jersey's independent health and social care regulator will expand to include the Jersey Assisted Dying Service, which will be delivered by Health and Care Jersey.

Our independent regulatory role will include setting clear Standards for the service, the registration of the service provider (Health and Care Jersey) and annual independent inspection and ongoing oversight against the Standards.

3. What are the Assisted Dying Standards?

The Assisted Dying Standards set clear expectations about how the service must be provided, including what providers must do to meet the expectations of people who use the service and the requirements under the Law.

Standards help care users and their families understand what they should expect from services and provide the framework against which we will independently inspect the service.

The Standards are designed to support the safe, consistent and effective delivery of assisted dying services across a range of settings, including private homes, care homes and hospitals.



4. How are the Assisted Dying Standards being developed?

This is a new area of regulation for Jersey and the Jersey Care Commission has worked closely with international regulators, experts and academics to learn from established approaches and develop robust, evidence-informed Standards.

This work has included engagement and shared learning with countries and regions that have experience of assisted dying regulation and oversight.

This international learning is being considered alongside our own regulatory expertise and understanding of Jersey's health and social care landscape, and Jersey's legislation, to develop Standards that are appropriate for Jersey.

5. How can Islanders have their say on the proposed Standards?

Consultation on the proposed Standards will begin on 18 September 2026 and will be open until 18 December 2026, providing an opportunity for care providers, members of the public and anyone who would like to review and provide feedback on the Standards before they are finalised.

Listening to feedback is an important part of our approach and will help inform the final Standards. Publication of the approved Standards is currently anticipated in January 2027.

Feedback can be provided in a survey from 18 September 2026.

6. Why does the Assisted Dying Service need independent regulation?

Modern independent regulation is essential to public confidence and helps ensure Islanders can expect care that is safe, effective, caring and well led and delivered to clearly defined standards.

For the Assisted Dying Service, independent regulation will help provide assurance about the quality and safety of the service and that the Standards and requirements under the Law are being met. It will also help identify where care can be strengthened and make clear, constructive recommendations to support continual learning and improvement.



7. Does the Jersey Care Commission decide assisted dying policy or who is eligible?

No. Decisions about the introduction of assisted dying and the provisions contained within the Law are agreed on and made through Jersey's legislative process.

Our role is focused on the regulation and independent inspection of the service. We do not determine assisted dying policy, the eligibility criteria established in legislation or whether an individual request for assisted dying should be approved.

8. Who will oversee the Jersey Assisted Dying Service?

Regulation of the Jersey Assisted Dying Service will form one part of the wider oversight of assisted dying in Jersey, with different organisations and public bodies holding distinct responsibilities.

As the independent regulator of the service, our responsibilities will include setting the Standards against which the service will be regulated and inspected, registering the service provider, carrying out independent annual inspections and providing ongoing regulatory oversight. Where necessary and proportionate, this will also include taking regulatory action.

Individual healthcare professionals will continue to be accountable to their relevant professional regulatory bodies. Other matters may need to be considered by the service provider, professional regulators, the Assisted Dying Assurance and Delivery Committee or other relevant bodies.

As implementation progresses, we will continue to clearly communicate our own role and remit and provide appropriate signposting to help Islanders and stakeholders understand the different responsibilities.

9. What happens next?

Our preparatory work will continue throughout the Government's implementation period.

This includes finalising the Assisted Dying Standards following consultation and preparations for the registration of the service provider and future independent inspection.

We will continue to provide clear information and opportunities for engagement with Islanders and relevant stakeholders as these different stages of regulation are developed.



10. Will the Jersey Care Commission be involved in individual assisted dying decisions?

No. The Jersey Care Commission will not be involved in making individual clinical decisions or deciding whether a person's request for assisted dying should proceed.

Those decisions will be made through the process set out in the Law. The Commission's role will be to regulate the service as a whole.

11. How will the Jersey Care Commission check that the Assisted Dying Service is safe?

We will use the Assisted Dying Standards to independently inspect and assess the service, including whether the Standards and requirements under the Law are being met and whether care is being provided safely, effectively and compassionately.

This will include looking at areas such as governance, staff training, record keeping, safeguards, how concerns are managed and whether the service is learning and improving over time.

12. Can members of the public raise concerns with the Jersey Care Commission?

Yes. Members of the public will be able to share concerns with us about the Jersey Assisted Dying Service. Concerns can provide important information about people's experience of care and may help inform our regulatory oversight.

We always encourage anyone with a concern or complaint to contact the service provider in the first instance. If concerns have already been raised directly with the provider and someone is not happy with the outcome, or if there are reasons they do not wish to raise concerns with the provider, they can raise concerns and complaints directly with us.

13. Will inspection reports be published?

We are committed to being open, transparent and clear about our role. The approach to publishing inspection findings for the Assisted Dying Service will be confirmed as the Regulatory framework and Standards are finalised.

We will provide clear information about what will be published and when, so that Islanders understand how regulatory findings will be shared.

14. Is the Jersey Care Commission independent from the Assisted Dying Service?

Yes. The Jersey Care Commission is independent from Government and from the provider of the Assisted Dying Service, Health and Care Jersey.

As Jersey's independent health and social care regulator, our role is to provide independent assurance, promote best practice and support continual improvement within the remit set out in legislation.

15. Will assisted dying be regulated in the same way as other health and care services?

Our regulation of the Assisted Dying Service will reflect our established approach to independent regulation, including registration, independent inspection and ongoing regulatory oversight.

Assisted dying is, however, a specific and sensitive service with particular requirements under the Law. The service will therefore be regulated and inspected against specific Assisted Dying Standards that set clear expectations about how the service must be provided

