

Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 21st April 2016

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| Present | Deputy R. Renouf, Chairman Deputy G. Southern, Vice-Chairman Deputy J. Hilton Deputy T. McDonald |
| Apologies | Deputy M. Tadier [Item 3 only] |
| Absent | |
| In attendance | Miss K. Boydens, Scrutiny Officer |

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| | <p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the records of the meetings held on 31st March and 6th April 2016. The Chairman thereby signed them accordingly.</p> | |
| 12/04/16 Item 1 | <p>2. Age Discrimination Regulations</p> <p>The Panel received some draft Comments on the draft Discrimination (Age) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. Following minor amendments these were approved by the Panel.</p> | KB |
| 31/03/16 Item 2 517/34 | <p>3. Living on Low Income</p> <p>The Panel noted that a Public Hearing with the Minister for Social Security had been organised for Thursday 5th May. Furthermore, the Panel's advisor was due to visit Jersey on 4th and 5th May to prepare and attend the Hearing. The Officer advised that these arrangements would be confirmed as soon as possible. In that regard, the Panel agreed to hold an afternoon slot on the 4th May in order to prepare for the Public Hearing.</p> <p>The Panel discussed possible areas of questioning for the Hearing with the Social Security Minister. The Officer advised that a draft question plan would be circulated in due course.</p> <p>The Panel noted that it had received a letter from Dr. N. Minihane, Chairman of the Primary Care Body. The Panel tasked the Officer to arrange a meeting with Dr Minihane so that the issues raised in his letter could be discussed further. The Officer advised that the meeting would be confirmed in due course.</p> <p>The Panel recalled that a letter had been sent to Age Concern asking for a written submission and a meeting with some of the charity's service users. The Officer advised that no response had been received to date despite a second, follow-up letter and phone calls to the charity. The Panel tasked the Officer to follow up the letter in order that a meeting could be arranged, preferably before the Public Hearing on 5th May.</p> | <p>KB</p> <p>KB</p> <p>KB</p> <p>KB</p> |

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| | <p>The Panel had previously considered asking the Social Security Department if it could obtain Income Support advisors' views on the income support system. The Officer advised that it was usual practice for Scrutiny Panels to hold the Minister to account and not individual officers. The Panel agreed not to pursue the idea any further.</p> | |
| <p>17/03/16 Item 2 517/33</p> | <p>4. Zero-Hour Contracts</p> <p>The Panel noted that two meetings had been arranged to take place on Wednesday 27th and Friday 29th April in order to discuss the draft report.</p> | |
| <p>31/03/16 Item 3 517/23</p> | <p>5. Future Hospital Sub-Panel</p> <p>The Panel received an update from the Chairman and Officer on the progress of the review. It was noted that the Panel was due to undertake a preliminary review of the hospital process. Deputy J. Hilton advised that she would like to join the Sub-Panel.</p> | RR |
| <p>23/07/15 Item 4 513/45</p> | <p>6. Medium Term Financial Plan</p> <p>The Panel briefly discussed the Medium Term Financial Plan and was advised that it was due to be lodged on 30th June and debated in September 2016. The Panel noted that the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel was developing a framework for all Scrutiny Panels.</p> <p>The Officer advised that further information would be added to the Panel's agenda on 19th May.</p> | KB |
| | <p>7. Disability Strategy</p> <p>The Panel received an update from the Officer regarding a Service User Forum meeting which had taken place on 19th April. It was advised that the views and experiences of people with disabilities who attended the meeting would be used to develop the Disability Strategy in 2017.</p> | |
| | <p>8. Standing Order 72: Referral of draft Law or Regulations for Scrutiny</p> <p>The Panel was reminded by the Chairman of Standing Order 72 (Referral of draft Law or Regulations for Scrutiny) and whether the States should vote on which meeting the 2nd reading of a draft Law or Regulation should be listed to continue. It was noted that this issue would be raised at the next States sitting on 26th April.</p> | |
| | <p>9. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on 5th May in the Le Capelain room, States Building. It was further noted that this meeting would be dedicated to the Living on Low Income review.</p> | |