

STATES OF JERSEY



CANNABIS: DECRIMINALISATION OF PERSONAL POSSESSION AND RECREATIONAL USE (P.31/2024) – FOURTH AMENDMENT (P.31/2024 AMD.(4)) – CHILDREN’S RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT

**Presented to the States on 18th June 2024
by Deputy A.F. Curtis of St. Clement**

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CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CRIA)

PART 1: SCREENING

Name and title of Duty Bearer:	Deputy A.F. Curtis of St. Clement
Type of Duty Bearer: (Minister, Elected Member or States Assembly Body)	Elected Member
Assessment completed by (if not completed by duty bearer):	Members Resources Team and Duty Bearer
Date:	18/06/2024

<p>1) Name and brief description of the proposed decision The subject of your CRIA may be a proposed law, policy or proposition and in accordance with the Law is referred to in this template as the 'decision'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the problem or issue the decision is trying to address? • Do children experience this problem differently from adults?
<p>Cannabis: Decriminalisation of Personal Possession and Recreational Use: Fourth Amendment.</p> <p>This amendment is seeking to broaden the proposition scope to include the cultivation of cannabis for personal use and setting a threshold for this cultivation.</p>
<p>2) Which groups of children and young people are likely to be affected? Groups of children could include early years, primary or secondary education; young adults; children with additional learning needs; disabled children; children living in poverty; children from particular ethnic backgrounds; migrants; refugees; care experienced children and LGBTQ+ children</p>
<p>All children have the potential to be affected if decriminalisation of cannabis is permitted in Jersey.</p> <p>All children have the potential to be affected <i>indirectly</i> in that parents, carers or other family members will be permitted to cultivate a personal amount of cannabis for recreational use.</p>
<p>3) What is the likely impact of the proposed decision on children and on their rights?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify any potential positive OR negative impacts and include indirect impacts on children and their rights as described in the UNCRC • Will different groups of children be affected differently by this decision?
<p>All children may be <i>indirectly</i> impacted if a parent, carer, or other family member were to be cultivating a personal amount of cannabis.</p>
<p>4) Is a full Children's Rights Impact Assessment required? If you have identified impacts on children and their rights, a full CRIA should be completed. If no impacts are identified then a Full CRIA is not required, but please explain your rationale and how you reached this conclusion</p>

Although the preliminary assessment has determined that there are indirect impacts on children, there is no requirement under Article 6(2) of the [Children \(Convention Rights\) \(Jersey\) Law 2022](#) to complete a full assessment.

The [CRIA prepared for the Proposition](#) identifies a substantial number of impacts, all of which should be considered equally relevant to this amendment and potentially exacerbated by the inclusion of cultivation, as there may be greater access by children and young people to the plants. As noted in the original CRIA, this should be considered for mitigation within any legislative drafting or further consideration.