

STATES OF JERSEY



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

**Presented to the States on 20th June 2024
by the Minister for Health and Social Services**

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CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CRIA)

PART 1: SCREENING

Name and title of Duty Bearer:	Minister for Health and Social Services
Type of Duty Bearer: (Minister, Elected Member or States Assembly Body)	Minister
Assessment completed by (if not completed by duty bearer):	Head of Policy
Date:	17/06/24

<p>1) Name and brief description of the proposed decision</p> <p>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>Amendment to P.31/2024 Cannabis: Decriminalisation of Personal Possession and Recreational Use (P.31/2024) - amendment</p> <p>An amendment to P.31/2024(Amd) is required to amend an aspect of the amendment to remove the direction to the Minister for Health and Social Services to reclassify cannabinal and cannabinal derivatives from Class A to Class B controlled drugs.</p>
<p>2) Which groups of children and young people are likely to be affected?</p> <p>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>None directly affected by the amendment.</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>The amendment will, if approved, amend P.31/2024(Amd) to remove the direction to the Minister for Health and Social Services to reclassify cannabinal and cannabinal derivatives from Class A controlled drugs to Class B controlled drugs. It will still require the Minister for Health and Social Services to seek advice from the Misuse of Drugs Advisory Council on the proposed reclassification.</p>
<p>4) Is a full Children's Rights Impact Assessment required?</p> <p>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>
<p>No, see above. The amendment centres on the key proposal of P.31/2024(Amd) which is to direct the Minister for Health and Social Services to reclassify cannabinal and cannabinal derivatives from Class A to Class B controlled drugs.</p>