

Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 14th June 2017

Present	Deputy R. Renouf, Chairman Deputy T. McDonald Senator S. Ferguson Deputy J. Hilton
Apologies	Deputy G. Southern, Vice-Chairman
Absent	
In attendance	Dr S. Whiteman, Medical Director of Primary Care, Health and Social Services Miss K. Boydens, Scrutiny Officer Mr A. Harris, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Draft Health Insurance (Performers List for General Medical Practitioners) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 201-</p> <p>The Panel met Dr Whiteman for a briefing to discuss P.33/2017 “Draft Health Insurance (Performers List for General Medical Practitioners) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 201-” lodged on 10th May 2017.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the proposed amendment called to facilitate the introduction of trainee doctors into GP practices in Jersey. Currently trainees would not be permitted to access the Health Insurance Fund for the purpose of claiming medical benefit and prescribing.</p> <p>Dr Whiteman advised that any medical practitioner in general practice had to be on the Performers List to access the Health Insurance Fund. There was currently no provision for doctors wishing to qualify as GPs (Speciality Trainees and Foundation Year 2 trainees) to be on the List. Therefore, P.33/2017 had been lodged by the Minister for Health and Social Services to facilitate this.</p> <p>Dr Whiteman confirmed that GPs had been consulted prior to the Proposition being lodged, and that the Primary Care Body fully supported the proposed amendment.</p> <p>It was noted that a Foundation Year 2 doctor was someone in their second year of the post-graduate programme, which included time training in general practice. The doctors then applied to enter a specialist training scheme which could be obstetrics and gynecology or general practice. It was hoped that the amendment would encourage trainees, once fully qualified, to stay in Jersey.</p> <p>The Panel raised concerns about safety issues regarding trainees treating patients. Dr Whiteman explained that all trainees would be subject to peer reviews and that their work would be overseen. A</p>	

	<p>governance mechanism would be put in place whereby an accredited trainer would oversee trainee work. Furthermore, it was noted that Health Education England had issued guidelines on how many patients trainees were permitted to treat. It was expected that GP surgeries participating in the programme would charge their patients at a reduced rate should they be treated by a trainee.</p> <p>Dr Whiteman advised that several GP practices in Jersey were interested in participating in the training programme. If successful, it was noted that they would receive a trainer's grant from Health Education England.</p>	
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