



Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel

Records of Meetings

2025

The following records of meetings have been approved by the Panel.

Chair of the Panel

Signed

Chair, Louise Doublet

États de Jersey



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Health and Social Service Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 14th January 2025

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Vice Chair Deputy Phillip Bailhache, Member Deputy Lucy Stephenson, Member (Item 11 only)
In attendance	Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Health and Social Services Deputy Andy Howell, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services Jessie Marshall, Interim Chief Nurse, Health and Care Jersey Roslyn Bullen Bell, Director of Midwifery, Health and Care Jersey Jo Falla, Committee and Panel Officer Kaya Camara, Research and Project Officer Sarah Hopkins, Communications Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Record of Meetings The Panel approved the record of the meetings held on 22nd November and 3rd December 2024.	
2. Declarations and Conflicts of Interest The Panel noted that there were no new declarations and conflicts of interest.	
3. Family Friendly Post-Implementation Review The Panel received an update on the progress of the planned review into the family friendly legislation following discussions with the Scrutiny Liaison Committee (SLC). The Panel discussed the options of establishing a Sub-Panel or Review Panel and the proposed scope of the review and agreed the best course of action was to establish a Sub-Panel focused on the family friendly legislation with scope to include the ability to allow further areas of consideration and follow up. The Panel requested that Officers prepare a revised scoping document and Terms of Reference for review at the next Panel meeting with subsequent presentation to the SLC.	
4. Prescription of Medication for ADHD Review The Panel noted and reflected on the publishing of the Prescription of Medication for ADHD Review report on 6th December 2024 and was content with the process and execution. The Panel received a paper noting the press coverage of the report publication. The Panel noted that the Ministerial Response was due on 28th January 2025 and agreed to discuss this at the Panel's next meeting. The Panel agreed to consider what follow-up actions it might wish to take following the Ministerial Response.	

<p>5. Work programme and additional proposed review topic areas for 2025</p> <p>The Panel discussed its ongoing work programme and noted topics of interest for future reviews. The Panel noted that the 2025 Ministerial Delivery Plans had not been shared with the Panel to date and requested Officers to liaise with the relevant Officers to receive an update on these in order to inform the work programme.</p> <p>The Panel noted the publication of the Women’s Health and Wellbeing JSNA Main Report 2024 on 18th^h December 2024, and considered a number of ways to ensure it was receiving updates on the work regarding Women’s Health, including a public hearing focusing on this area.</p>	JF/KC
<p>6. Quarterly Hearing Question Plans</p> <p>The Panel considered a number of question topics for its Quarterly Hearings with the Ministers for Social Security on 11th February 2025 and the Minister for Health and Social Services on 19th February 2025.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to consider and approve its final question plan at its next meeting.</p>	
<p>7. Hospital Review Panel – Update</p> <p>The Panel received an update on the work of the Hospital Review Panel from Deputy Renouf as Chair of the Hospital Review Panel.</p>	
<p>8. States Business</p> <p>The Panel noted the lodging of the Draft Employment and Discrimination (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- by the Minister for Social Security on 6th November, due for debate at the 21st January sitting and reviewed and agreed its Comments Paper to be presented to the States Assembly. Deputy Bailhache informed the Panel of his intention to speak in contrast to the Comments Paper and maintain an opposing view of the overall proposition.</p> <p>The Panel noted the lodging of the Draft Termination of Pregnancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- by the Minister for Health and Social Services on 6th November, due for debate at the States sitting on 21st January 2025 and reviewed and agreed its Comments Paper to be presented to the States Assembly.</p>	
<p>9. Any Other Business</p> <p>The Panel considered the benefit of receiving question training by the Solicitor General being arranged by SLC. The Panel agreed to attend the training and asked for dates to be confirmed.</p>	
<p>10. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted its next scheduled meeting would take place at 12pm on Tuesday 28th January 2025 in the Le Capelain Room.</p>	
<p>11. Briefing: Home Birth Suspension</p> <p>The Panel received the Minister and Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services, the Interim Chief Nurse and Director of Midwifery for a briefing on the recent suspension of the Maternity Unit’s home birth service. The meeting was held in private in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Absolute Exemption Article 26. A private detailed file note was made of the meeting</p>	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 28th January 2025

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Phillip Bailhache, Member
In attendance	Jo Falla, Committee and Panel Officer Sarah Hopkins, Communications Officer Remi Harris, Policy Apprentice

Agenda matter	Action
1. Record of Meetings The Panel approved the Record of the Meeting held on 14 th January 2025.	
2. Declarations and Conflicts of Interest The Panel noted that there were no new declarations and conflicts of interest.	
3. Family Friendly Post-Implementation Review The Panel agreed the proposed scoping document and Terms of Reference for the review and confirmed that both documents could be submitted to the Scrutiny Liaison Committee for approval.	JF
4. Prescription of Medication for ADHD Review The Panel noted receipt of the Ministerial Response on 28th January 2025. The Panel agreed to review the response outside of the meeting, having received the document that morning, and ask questions on its contents at the Panel's Quarterly Public Hearings with the Minister for Social Security on 11 th February and Minister for Health and Social Services on 5th March. Officers were asked to send the Response to all stakeholders and thank them for their contributions.	JF
5. Work programme and additional proposed Review topics areas for 2025 The Panel discussed its ongoing work programme and noted topics of interest for future reviews. The Panel noted that the 2025 Ministerial Delivery Plans had not been shared with the Panel and requested that Officers liaise with the relevant Officers to receive an update on these plans.	JF/KC
6. Quarterly Hearing Question Plans The Panel considered the draft question plan for its Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Social Security on 11th February 2025 and made some additions. The Panel agreed to provide final approval electronically. The Panel considered the question areas for its Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Health and Social Services on 5 th March 2025 and agreed to approve the question plan at its next meeting.	JF/KC

7. Women's Health Public Hearing The Panel agreed the date of 30 th April for this Hearing.	
8. Briefing Requests No briefings were requested.	
9. Hospital Review Panel – Update Due to Deputy Renouf's absence no update was provided.	
10. Health and Care Annual Plan 2025 The Panel discussed the Plan and agreed to ask questions on its content at the Panel's Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Health and Social Services on 5 th March.	
11. States Business The Panel noted the lodging of the of the Draft Employment and Discrimination (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- by the Minister for Social Security on 6 th November and due for debate at 4 th February sitting and subsequent amendments lodged by Deputy M.R Ferey. Deputy Bailhache informed the Panel of his intention to lodge a third amendment.	
12. Any Other Business a. Op Crocus update The Panel discussed the publication of the Op Crocus update - the Clinical Audit and Patient Review in Rheumatology (The Review) January 2025 to the Health and Care Jersey Advisory Board. It was agreed to review this report and add any relevant follow-up questions to the question plan for the Panel's Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Health and Social Services on 5 th March. b. Suspension of Home Birth Letter - response from Minister for Health and Social Services The Panel reviewed the letter received from the Minister and agreed to ask follow-up questions on this at the Panel's Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Health and Social Services on 5 th March.	JF/KC
13. Future Meetings The Panel noted its next scheduled meeting would take place at 12pm on Tuesday 11 ^h February 2025 in the Blampied Room.	

Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 3rd March 2025

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Philip Bailhache
In attendance	Deputy Lyndsay Feltham, Minister for Social Security Sophie Le Sueur - Chief Officer, Employment, Social Security and Housing Sue Duhamel - Associate Director, Public Policy, Cabinet Office Joanna Falla, Committee and Panel Officer Kaya Camara, Research and Project Officer Sarah Hopkins, Communications Officer, Digital and Public Engagement

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Quarterly Hearing: Minister for Social Security</p> <p>The Panel noted and discussed its question plan and delegated questions in preparation for the Public Hearing with the Minister for Social Security.</p> <p>The Panel received the Minister for Social Security and Government Officers for a Quarterly Hearing at 10:00am. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.</p> <p>Following the hearing the Panel considered the evidence received and requested the Communications Officer to draft a social media post and press notice for its approval. The Panel noted a number of follow up questions and agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister.</p>	<p>SH JF/KC</p>

Health and Social Service Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 4th March 2025

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Vice Chair Deputy Lucy Stephenson, Deputy Phillip Bailhache
In attendance	Jo Falla, Committee and Panel Officer Kaya Camara, Research and Project Officer Sarah Hopkins, Communications Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Record of Meetings The Panel approved the record of the meeting held on 28 th January 2025.	
2. Declarations and Conflicts of Interest The Panel noted that there were no new declarations or conflicts of interest. Deputy Stephenson noted that she was intending to lodge a proposition in the coming weeks and would share it with the Panel when appropriate. In addition, Deputy Doublet reminded the Panel of her personal relationship with the CEO of Liberate, and that there was potential that the Deputy's partner would interact with the Panel as a stakeholder during appropriate workstreams.	
3. Family Friendly Post-Implementation Review The Panel received an update on the plan of activity for the review by the Chair of the Sub-Panel. The Panel noted the launch of the Review and requested a timetable and work programme be created.	JF
4. Draft Employment and Discrimination (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- The Panel noted the deferral of the Draft Employment and Discrimination (Jersey) Amendment Law 202 – lodged by the Minister for Social Security on 6th November 2024, (previously due for debate during the 4th February sitting) and discussed its next steps for the Panel's scrutiny of this amendment. The Panel made a number of minor amendments to the draft Terms of Reference and Scoping document before approving the documents. The Panel requested that a number of charities be added to the stakeholder list.	JF
5. Work programme and additional proposed Review topics areas for 2025 The Panel discussed its ongoing work programme and noted topics of interest for future reviews. The Panel noted a briefing on the Regulation of Hospital and Ambulance Services that took place on 4 th December 2024 and requested the file note and topic be added to the Panel's agenda when further information is received from Health and Care	JF/KC

Jersey, and background information is received from the Children, Education and Home Affairs Panel.	
<p>6. Common Strategic Policy (CSP) priorities and commitment to action</p> <p>The Panel considered the Common Strategic Policy and agreed a planned approach to this work to be considered by the Scrutiny Liaison Committee.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Scrutiny Liaison Committee planned to look at the Common Strategic Policy commitments and discussed the areas related to its remit.</p>	
<p>7. Quarterly Hearing Question Plans</p> <p>The Panel allocated questions to Members for the Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Health and Social Services taking place on Wednesday 5th March 2025.</p> <p>The Panel made a number of minor changes to the question plan and agreed to have fewer topic areas to ensure sufficient time for questioning. The Panel requested Officers to make the necessary changes.</p>	JF/KC
<p>8. Briefing Requests</p> <p>The Panel noted a request for a briefing by Government Officers regarding the Termination of Pregnancy Law workstream and requested Officers to make the necessary arrangements.</p>	KC
<p>9. Hospital Review Panel – Update</p> <p>Deputy Renouf, as Chair of the Hospital Review Panel provided an update on the work of the Review Panel.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Report on the New Healthcare Facilities Programme had been published, and positive media attention and comments had been shared. The Panel noted that a Ministerial Response was due in the following 6 weeks and that the Review Panel's next steps were to be determined.</p>	
<p>10. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted its next scheduled meeting would take place at 12pm on Tuesday 25th March 2025 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Building.</p>	

Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 5th March 2025

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Vice Chair Deputy Lucy Stephenson Deputy Philip Bailhache
In attendance	Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Health and Social Services Deputy Andy Howell, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services Andy Weir, Director for Mental Health and Adult Social Care Ruth Johnson, Associate Director of Policy Roslyn Bullen-Bell, Head of Midwifery Ian Tegerdine, Director of Workforce Daniella Raffio, Deputy Director of Public Health Joanna Falla Committee and Panel Officer Kaya Camara, Research and Project Officer Sarah Hopkins, Communications Officer, Digital and Public Engagement

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Quarterly Hearing: Minister for Health and Social Services</p> <p>The Panel noted and discussed its question plan and delegated questions in preparation for the Public Hearing with the Minister for Health and Social Services.</p> <p>The Panel received the Minister for Health and Social Services and Government Officers for a Quarterly Hearing at 12:00pm. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.</p> <p>Following the hearing the Panel considered the evidence received and requested the Communications Officer to draft a social media post and press notice for its approval. The Panel noted a number of follow up questions and agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister.</p>	<p>SH JF/KC</p>

Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 11th March 2025

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Lucy Stephenson Deputy Philip Bailhache
In attendance	Ruth Johnson, Associate Director of Policy Caroline Maffia, Policy Principal, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Kaya Camara, Research and Project Officer Sarah Hopkins, Communications Officer, Digital and Public Engagement

Agenda matter	Action
1. Private Briefing: Termination of Pregnancy The Panel received Government Officers for an update on the progression of work on the Termination of Pregnancy (Jersey) Law 1997 Amendments workstream. A private file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Article 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).	KC

Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 25th March 2025

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Lucy Stephenson Deputy Philip Bailhache
In attendance	Jo Falla, Committee and Panel Officer Kaya Camara, Research and Project Officer Sarah Hopkins, Communications Officer, Digital and Public Engagement

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Minutes The Panel approved the records of the meetings held on 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th & 11th March 2025.	KC
2. Declarations and Conflicts of Interest The Panel noted that there were no new declarations or conflicts of interest.	
3. Family Friendly Post-Implementation Review The Chair of the Sub-Panel provided an update on the plan of activity for the Family Friendly Post-Implementation Review. The Panel noted the challenge to arrange meeting dates with the Sub-Panel due to demanding schedules, and agreed to assemble a meeting schedule that at least two Members could attend. The Panel noted that a Microsoft Teams Channel had been established to provide digital updates and seek approval of documents. The Panel noted a letter that had been sent to the Minister for Social Security seeking an update on the outcome of the Minister's actions following a post implementation survey, and that a response had been received. The Panel also noted that contact had been made with Statistics Jersey to request information about data that may have been gathered regarding parental leave. The Panel noted a list of potential groups of stakeholders and agreed to begin sending stakeholder letters that week and requested the Officer to make the necessary arrangements. The Panel requested that any social media posts did not use the platform 'X'. The Panel requested that the question plan for the Hearing with the Minister for Social Security be prepared.	JF JF/KC SH JF/KC
4. Draft Employment and Discrimination (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- The Panel discussed the amended approach to the review of P.78/2024 and approved the updated scoping document. The Panel noted the letter sent to the Minister for Social Security.	

<p>5. Work programme and additional proposed Reviews areas for 2025</p> <p>The Panel discussed its work programme and noted any topics of interest for future review.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to monitor the currently suspended Homebirth Service and note when the pending training had been carried out.</p>	<p>JF/KC</p>
<p>6. Women's Health Hearing – 30th April 2025</p> <p>The Panel agreed the Question Plan topics, press notice and communications plan for the Hearing on Women's Health. The Panel requested Officers to proceed in preparing the Question Plan and asked that preparations for the Hearing, including allocation of questions, was added to the agenda for the Panel's meeting on 29th April 2025.</p> <p>The Panel noted that Deputy Howell, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services, with delegated functions to the women's health remit, was due to lead the Hearing.</p> <p>The Panel considered its questioning on Assisted Fertility and requested Officers to liaise with Liberate, Tiny Seeds and the Woman's Health Hub for advice. The Panel also requested Officers contact Statistics Jersey to discover if there was any available data on specific health conditions which disproportionately affected women and the gender percentages of people in care.</p> <p>The Panel considered the location of the Hearing and requested Officers to look into potential alternative options for venues.</p>	<p>JF/KC</p> <p>JF/KC</p> <p>JF/KC</p> <p>JF/KC</p>
<p>7. Briefings</p> <p>The Panel noted a briefing on 8th April 2025 on the Health and Care Digital Health Strategy.</p> <p>The Panel considered arranging a briefing on Patient and Visitor Advice and Support (PALS) service and the Gynaecology Department and requested Officers to make the necessary arrangements. The Panel also asked for an organigram of the Gynaecology Department to be provided to the Panel.</p>	<p>JF/KC</p> <p>JF/KC</p>
<p>8. States Business</p> <p>The Panel noted that there was no legislation specific to the Panel in the upcoming States Assembly Meeting. The Panel noted that the Minister for Health and Social Services was facing questions without notice and that P.21/2025 was due to be debated.</p>	
<p>9. Correspondence</p> <p>The Panel noted a response letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the suspension of the Homebirth Service.</p>	
<p>10. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted its next scheduled meeting would take place at 12pm on Tuesday 8th April 2025. The Panel requested that the meeting be held on Microsoft Teams.</p>	<p>JF/KC</p>