

# STATES OF JERSEY



## HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES INTERIM BOARD (P.19/2023): AMENDMENT

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by Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central  
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After the words “report accompanying the proposition” insert the words –

“, except that within Appendix 1 –

- (i) all references to a “3-year period” should be substituted with “18-month period”;
- (ii) within point 53 (b) the words “two years” should be substituted with “18 months”; and
- (iii) within point 92 the words “3 to 5 years” should be substituted with “18 months”.

DEPUTY L.V. FELTHAM OF ST. HELIER CENTRAL

**Note:** After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

**THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –**

to agree –

- (a) that the Minister for Health and Social Services should establish an interim non-statutory Health and Community Services Board providing for improved governance and oversight of the Health and Community Services Department; and
- (b) the proposed terms of reference to which that interim Board will function, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report accompanying the proposition, **except that within Appendix 1 –**
  - (i) all references to a “3-year period” should be substituted with “18-month period”;
  - (ii) within point 53 (b) the words “two years” should be substituted with “18 months”; and
  - (iii) within point 92 the words “3 to 5 years” should be substituted with “18 months”.

## **REPORT**

The purpose of this amendment is to reduce the initial appointment of the interim Health and Community Services Board to 18 months in order to reduce exposure to any risks or costs that may occur should the structure of the Board not be fit for purpose, or it be found that the Board is not meeting its intended objectives.

The 18-month period gives time for the Minister, Scrutiny, and the PAC to assess the performance of the interim board while work continues on the relevant law drafting. After this period, the Minister would then be required to come back to the Assembly to seek either approval for the continuation of the interim board or bring the legislation forward to establish the statutory board.

One of the Public Accounts Committee's key areas of focus is Health and Social Care, and it is the Committee's intention to review the effectiveness of the Board during this time and make any recommendations for improvement that may be required. Reducing the initial appointments to 18 months will provide further ability for any recommendations to be acted on in a timely manner.

I hope that this amendment will enable members who have concerns about the costs associated with the Board, and its suitability to resolve current governance issues to have some comfort that these risks are reduced, given the current and urgent need to improve the governance and oversight of Health and Community Services.

### **Financial and manpower implications**

Financial implications should be minor as the costs for the longer period will already have been calculated and budgeted for by the Minister. Either costs will be reduced due to the shorter period, or, should the appointments be extended, will fall in line with the Ministers projected costs.