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Dear Deputy Renouf,

Health and Scrutiny Panel

Redesign of HSS Governance model Review

A stronger partnership approach is needed to ensure that the model is truly inclusive and provides strategic direction and influence across the Health and Social Care system. The new model must be a genuine partnership that is equitable across the sectors. Critical elements of success for improved integrated partnership working whilst ensuring patients, service users and clients have a greater say about their health, education and social care needs requires resilience, robustness, transparency, accountability, co-production and independence.

The proposals and the timeline for implementation are ambitious. A fundamental component for the success of the proposals from a Voluntary and Community sector perspective requires the confidence of the whole sector and in their representation of them at the proposed System Partnership Board. This presents particular challenges for the Voluntary and Community Sector given the absence of an existing group where suitable representatives might be willing and able to effectively represent them. As the sector do not currently have a formalised forum with a clear role and remit, or the resources to engage in the current proposals, this needs further clarification.

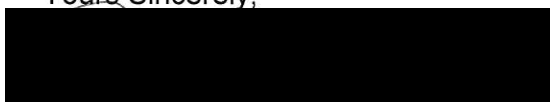
It is unclear what the Terms of Reference for the System Partnership Board will be which may present difficulties for organisations within the sector who have not been involved in the development of the proposed model in a way that enables them to meaningfully engage with an as yet unformed Voluntary and Community Sector Group.

As stated, it is imperative that the Voluntary and Community Sector representatives have the confidence and support of the whole sector which given its breadth and diversity will be challenging but not insurmountable.

There are some concerns regarding the 'human resource' cost to Voluntary and Community organisations and how this can be managed, funded and resourced.

The proposals present an opportunity to respond to the changing needs of Jersey, improve services and integrated partnership working providing the above concerns are addressed.

Yours Sincerely,



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