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Deputy Louise Doublet
Chair, Assisted Dying Review Panel

BY EMAIL

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Dear Chair,

RE: ASSISTED DYING REVIEW PANEL: DRAFT ASSITED DYING LAW

Thank you for your letter dated 1 July 2025 and I note your intent to conduct a full review into the draft law, once it is lodged in September. In response to the queries, you raise:

Public information

I agree that it is important that the public can engage meaningfully with the proposed legislation. In order to achieve this, I have instructed my officers to provide detailed information to be made available to the public via gov.je/assisteddying, presented in a manner that is easy to access and understand. This will include a 'plain English' summary of the key provisions of the law; a 'Question and Answer' section; and detail on timeframe and next steps, should the law be adopted by the Assembly.

In addition, a series of public information meetings will be scheduled to take place during the extended lodging period. These will be a similar format to those held prior to debating P18/2024. At the sessions, officers will present the key aspects of the law followed by the opportunity for questions and discussion.

Panel's recommendations in previous Review of Assisted Dying

The Panel's previous Review of Assisted Dying set out 4 key recommendations and 12 recommendations. Of these, 5 are 'complete', relating to matters associated with the previous debate. This included the one recommendation directly related to law drafting – *Key recommendation 4*, where I accepted the Panel's amendment to proposals relating to participation in assisted dying and the removal of the word 'direct'.

The further 11 recommendations refer to matters not directly related to the draft law (for example, the associated professional guidance and outline training requirements), and detail is on track to be published no later than two months before the assisted dying legislation is scheduled for debate, as per the Panel's recommendation.

Involvement of interest groups and campaigners during law drafting process

Interest groups and campaigners (both for and against assisted dying) were extensively consulted throughout the policy development process (Phase 1 consultation Spring 2022; Phase 2 consultation October 2022 to January 2023). Their views helped shape the detailed policy proposals set out in P18 /2024. P18/2024 provides for the development of law which accords with the provisions detailed in the proposition and appendix to P18 /2024, as adopted by the Assembly.

Interest groups and campaigners have not been consulted during the law drafting phase as the public policy objectives and provisions were settled in the adoption of P18/2024. This is different to the UK Professional Regulatory bodies who are being asked to review the draft law on the basis those bodies have a direct interest in ensuring that the drafting does not create any unintended consequences for health and care professionals operating in Jersey. The Professional Regulatory bodies are not, at this point in the process, commenting on public policy (as this has been settled), they are working to ensure that detailed provisions operate as intended vis-à-vis professionals.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'T Binet', written in a cursive style.

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