

# Assisted Dying Review Panel Records of Meetings

Year: 2025

The following records of meetings have been approved by the Panel.
Signed
Chair Assisted Dying Review Panel

# **Assisted Dying Review Panel**

### **Record of Meeting**

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair
	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Vice Chair
	Deputy Phillip Bailhache, Member
In attendance	Ben Walker, Acting Committee and Panel Officer
	Kaya Camara, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Conflict of Interest	
The Panel noted that there were no new conflicts of interests at that time.	
2. Records of Meetings	
The Panel noted and approved the records of meetings held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> July, 8 <sup>th</sup> October and 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024, subject to an amendment to the 'Conflict of Interest' item of each minute, to note that no new conflicts of interest had been declared.  3. Correspondence: Minister for Health and Social Services	BW
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The Panel noted the correspondence sent to the Minister for Health and Social Services on 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 with follow-up questions about the Assisted Dying Working Group. The Panel noted that it was due to receive a response by 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025.	
4. Assisted Dying: Draft Law timeframe	
The Panel noted the provisional 2025 timeframe for the development of the draft Law on Assisted Dying. The Panel requested that the Officer provide confirmation on whether the timeframe was confidential or in the public domain.	BW/KC
The Panel agreed to request additional information about the status of Assisted Dying within the United Kingdom following a Bill approved in principle that supported the adoption of assisted dying and requested the Officer to produce a briefing paper on the matter.	BW/KC
5. Briefing: Assisted Dying Working Group	
The Panel noted that it was scheduled to receive Government Officers for a private briefing to update it on the work of the Assisted Dying Working Group on 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10:30am.	
6. Site visit: Jersey Hospice Care	
The Panel noted its scheduled visit to Jersey Hospice Care for a tour of the site facilities and a meeting to discuss Assisted Dying on 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025.	
The Panel considered a list of discussion points provided by Jersey Hospice Care and requested the Officer to provide an additional number of topics.	BW/KC

#### 7. Future Meetings

The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled to take place on  $5^{\text{th}}$  March 2024 at 9:30am in the Le Capelain Room of the States Building.

# **Assisted Dying Review Panel**

#### **Record of Meeting**

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair
	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Vice Chair
	Deputy Phillip Bailhache, Member
In attendance	Mike Palfreman, Chief Executive, Jersey Hospice Care
	Rose Naylor, Director of Palliative Care Services, Jersey Hospice Care
	Ashling Adams, Lead Nurse, Inpatient Unit, Jersey Hospice Care
	Gail Caddell, Lead Author, Palliative and End of Life Care Strategy, Jersey
	Hospice Care
	Cheri Strudwick, Director of Income Generation and Marketing, Jersey
	Hospice Care
	Rachel Smith, Director of Finance, Jersey Hospice Care
	Ben Walker, Acting Committee and Panel Officer
	Kaya Camara, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Site Visit: Jersey Hospice Care	
The Panel attended a site visit at Jersey Hospice Care where it received Mike Palfreman, Chief Executive, Jersey Hospice Care, and colleagues for a tour and briefing to discuss the mechanics and operations of Jersey Hospice Care, the Palliative and End of Life Care Strategy and the Assisted Dying proposals. The meeting was held in private in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35. A private detailed file note was made of the meeting, classified as exempt in accordance with Article 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).	

# **Assisted Dying Review Panel**

#### **Record of Meeting**

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair
	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Vice Chair
	Deputy Phillip Bailhache, Member
In attendance	Kaya Camara, Research and Project Officer
	Michael Morris, Communications Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Conflict of Interest	
The Panel noted that there were no new conflicts of interests at that time.	
2. Records of Meetings	
The Panel noted and approved the records of meetings held on the 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> of January 2025.	КС
3. Assisted Dying: Draft Law timeframe	
The Panel noted the provisional 2025 timeframe for the development of the draft law which was provided by Government Officers. It also noted a provisional timeline and work programme for the Panel's review of the Draft Law which had been provided by the Research and Project Officer.	
The Panel noted that the timeline was likely to be constricted and requested the Officer to provide a list of work that could be carried out prior to the launch of its review to ensure a thorough and organised approach to its work.	КС
The Panel considered the value of commissioning an expert advisor for its Review, noting the valuable and exhaustive consultation and research that had already taken place. The Panel requested the Officer to provide an options paper which detailed areas of consideration that an expert advisor could research which had not been included in other consultations.	КС
4. Update: Scrutiny engagement and the UK Terminally III Adults (End of Life) Bill	
The Panel noted that emails had been sent to the UK MP Kim Leadbeater, the UK Health and Social Care Select Committee and the Irish Joint Committee, requesting opportunities to engage in relation to updates on the progression of assisted dying in the UK and Ireland. The Panel requested the Officer to send a follow-up email to those that were yet to respond.	кс
The Panel noted that the Officer was producing a briefing paper with updates regarding the status and progression of the UK Terminally III Adults (End of Life) Bill.	

5. Jersey Opinions and Lifestyle Survey (JOLS)	
The Panel noted that a request for questions to be included in the 2025 JOLS, relating to religion in Jersey, were submitted to the JOLS Panel for consideration as part of the 2025 JOLS on 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025. The Panel requested the Officer to confirm the exact date for the publication of the data collected.	кс
6. Briefing: Assisted Dying Working Group	
The Panel received Government Officers for a private update on the work of the Assisted Dying Working Group. A private detailed 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).	
7. Any Other business	
The Panel noted and thanked the previous Officer for his work with the Panel and welcomed the new Officer.	
The Panel requested a provisional meeting schedule be created for its next meeting.	KC
5. Future Meetings	
The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled to take place on 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025 and requested the Officer to re-schedule the meeting to the 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025.	КС