STATES OF JERSEY

COMMON STRATEGIC POLICY 2026 - 2030 (P.75/2026): SECOND AMENDMENT (P.75/2026 AMD.(2)) – AMENDMENT

Lodged au Greffe on 3rd November 2026
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Before the words "Improve support for unpaid carers," insert the words "Continue to maintain and"

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Substitute the words "the recommendations of the 2026 review of support for unpaid carers and people with care needs, and improving access to respite and community support". with the words "the actions taken as a result of the 2026 "Ministerial Review of Support for Unpaid Carers and People with Care Needs".

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

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After the words "report accompanying this Proposition" insert the words –

", except that, on page 15 of the report, after action 8.4 there should be inserted the following action –

"8.5 Continue to maintain and improve support for unpaid carers, disabled Islanders and older people with care needs, building on the actions taken as a result of the 2026 "Ministerial Review of Support for Unpaid Carers and People with Care Needs".

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

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

in accordance with Article 18(2)(e) of the States of Jersey Law 2005, to approve the statement of the Common Strategic Policy of the Council of Ministers as set out in the report accompanying this Proposition, except that on page 15 of the report, after action 8.4 there should be inserted the following action –

"8.5 Continue to maintain and improve support for unpaid carers, disabled Islanders and older people with care needs, building on the actions taken as a result of the 2026 "Ministerial Review of Support for Unpaid Carers and People with Care Needs".

REPORT

The Council of Ministers' Common Strategic Policy 2026 highlights the need to continue improving health services, which is priority number 8. It agrees that informal care plays a vital role within our community, and that supporting family and friends with care needs enables people to remain in their own home and participate in family life. The principle of the Amendment is therefore welcomed.

This Amendment seeks to build on the Deputy's wording by stressing the need to maintain as well as improve services, and by making specific reference to the "Ministerial Review of Support for Unpaid Carers and People with Care Needs" (R.15/2026) which documents the actions that have been taken in 2026 to provide additional support to families that have informal carers and provides the latest starting point.

The report confirms that more flexible financial support is available through the Long-Term Care benefit, and extra practical support is provided through a new dedicated resource within Employment, Social Security, and Housing Department. It notes that information has been improved, and there are now additional contacts through community events such as Connect Me.

Many individuals and families also receive invaluable support from the charitable and voluntary sector, and Ministers acknowledge the importance of this in providing services.

Ministers will continue to work with carers groups to identify and support the needs of unpaid carers. The situation will be kept under review and the need for additional funding will be considered alongside all other areas in the health and care sector.

The Council of Ministers therefore recommends the proposed amendments.

Financial and staffing implications

As with any other new or enhanced service, any additional support or service that requires new funding will be considered in light of and balanced with other funding pressures in the health and care sector.

Children's Rights Impact Assessment

The Council of Ministers considers that this amendment has no direct or indirect impact on children and that the duty to have due regard to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child does not arise. Accordingly, a Children's Rights Impact Assessment is not required under the Children (Convention Rights) (Jersey) Law 2022.