



Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel

Records of Meetings

2026

The following records of meetings are unsigned however, have been approved by the Panel.

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Chair
Deputy Louise Doublet

États de Jersey



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Health and Social Services Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 13th January 2026

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Vice Chair Deputy Philip Bailhache Deputy Lucy Stephenson Connétable Karen Shenton Stone
In attendance	Kaya Camara, Acting Committee and Panel Officer Sarah Hopkins, Communications Officer Felicity Guest, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings The Panel approved the records of its meetings dated 2nd, 4th and 16th of December 2025 with minor amendments.	KC
2. New Declarations and Conflicts of Interest There were no new declarations or conflicts of interest to note.	
3. Assisted Dying Review Panel update Deputy Doublet, as Chair of the Assisted Dying Review Panel provided an update on the Panel's review progress. It was noted that the Panel intended to lodge 9 amendments to the Draft Assisted Dying (Jersey) Law 202- and the expert advisers' contracts were being extended. It was further noted that the Panel were in discussions with the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the date the draft law would be debated.	
4. Hospital Review Panel update Deputy Renouf, as Chair of the Hospital Review Panel provided an update on the work of the Panel. It was noted that the Panel was receiving regular updates from the Minister for Health and Social Services and the New Healthcare Facilities Programme team.	
5. Family Friendly Post-Implementation Review Deputy Doublet, as Chair of the Family Friendly Sub-Panel, provided an update on the Sub-Panel's review. The Panel was informed that the report was due to be presented on 16 th January and that the Chair intended to make a Statement at the subsequent States Assembly sitting. The Panel noted that key recommendations included allowances be implemented, irrespective of family structure and the granting of allowances to extended family. The Panel received an update from the Communications Officer regarding media coverage of the review. The Panel agreed that a press release should be prepared for the publication of the report and requested the Communications Officer make the necessary arrangements.	SH

6. Briefings/Hearings The Panel noted and approved the following briefings: • 14th January 2026 – Briefing from the Minister for Social Security on providing support with living expenses for mortgage holders. • 14th January 2026 – Briefing on the future approach to personal cannabis use in Jersey. • 10th February 2026 – Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Health and Social Services on 10th February. The Panel agreed to a number of topic areas for questioning and requested the Acting Committee and Panel Officer begin drafting the question plan. • 18th February 2026 – Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Social Services. The Panel agreed to a number of topic areas for questioning and requested the Acting Committee and Panel Officer begin drafting the question plan. The Panel noted the high volume of briefings due to take place. The Panel agreed that some briefings be cancelled and the relevant information be provided through briefing papers to the Panel or rescheduled to a later date to allow the Panel to prioritise its work programme. The Panel requested the Acting Committee and Panel Officer make the necessary arrangements.	KC KC KC
7. Correspondence The Panel noted correspondence received via e-mail from a member of the public regarding P.116/2025 “Future Steps Approach to Personal Cannabis use in Jersey” and next steps were discussed. The Panel further noted a letter sent to the Minister for Social Security regarding comments made during the debate of the Government’s Budget in December 2024. The Panel noted joint disappointment regarding the comments made during the debate in relation to its comments paper, which the Panel considered unprofessional.	KC
8. Work Programme The Panel noted its updated Work Programme for 2026 alongside the Government’s Legislative Programme. The Panel agreed that it would need to prioritise its work and noted the short timeframe until the election period.	
9. States Business The Panel noted the upcoming States Business, namely Assisted Dying P.65/2025 and End-of-Life Care P.73/2025. The Panel noted that a brief Comments Paper was going to be presented by the Assisted Dying Review Panel regarding the End-of-Life care proposition. The Panel requested the Officer circulate the End-Of-Life Care briefing paper to Panel Members. The Panel noted a briefing paper on the ‘Future Approach To Personal Cannabis Use In Jersey’ – P.116/2025 and agreed to discuss next steps following its briefing scheduled for 14th January. .	KC KC KC

10. Future Meetings	
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The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Tuesday 27th January 2026 in the Le Capelain Room.	
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Health and Social Services Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 14th January 2026

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Vice Chair Deputy Philip Bailhache Deputy Lucy Stephenson Connétable Karen Shenton Stone
In attendance	Sue Duhamel, Associate Director, Public Policy Sophie Le Sueur, Chief Officer Helena Mangan, Head of Work and Family Hub, Employment, Social Security and Housing (ESSH) Deputy Lindsay Feltham, Minister for Social Security Sam Idiong, Private Secretary Kaya Camara, Acting Committee and Panel Officer Felicity Guest, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Briefing on Low Income Mortgage Holders The Panel welcomed Government Officers to a briefing on providing discretionary support for low-income mortgage holders. 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).	FG

Health and Social Services Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 14th January 2026

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Vice Chair Deputy Philip Bailhache Deputy Lucy Stephenson
Apologies	Connétable Karen Shenton Stone
In attendance	Ben Sanderman, Head of Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Ruth Johnson, Associate Director Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Steve Gay, Senior Public Health Policy Officer, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Kaya Camara, Acting Committee and Panel Officer Felicity Guest, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Briefing on Strategic Relationships The Panel welcomed Government Officers to provide a briefing on the Future Approach to Personal Cannabis use in Jersey. 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).	FG

Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 27th January 2026

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Vice Chair Deputy Philip Bailhache Connétable Karen Shenton-Stone
Apologies	Deputy Lucy Stephenson
In attendance	Kaya Camara, Acting Committee and Panel Officer Sarah Hopkins, Communications Officer Janice Hales, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings	
The Panel approved the records of its meetings dated 13th and 14th January 2026.	JH
2. New Declarations and Conflicts of Interest	
There were no new declarations or conflicts of interest to note.	
3. Assisted Dying Review Panel update	
Deputy Doublet, as Chair of the Assisted Dying Review Panel provided an update on the Panel's progress.	
The Panel was informed that the Review Panel had called in the Proposition and had requested the later debate date of 24th February 2026 to allow the Panel sufficient time to complete its review.	
It was noted that amendments were being drafted with a meeting due to be scheduled with the Panel, the Minister for Health and Social Services (MHSS) and Officers to discuss these, prior to the lodging date for amendments of 10th February 2026. It was further noted that the MHSS has provided an initial response to the recommendations made within the Adviser's Report and had thanked the Panel for the work undertaken to date.	KC
The Panel was informed that report drafting was underway.	
4. Hospital Review Panel update	
Deputy Renouf, as Chair of the Hospital Review Panel, provided an update on the work of the Panel. It was noted that the Panel received regular updates from the Minister for Health and Social Services and the New Healthcare Facilities Programme team.	
5. Family Friendly Legislation Review	
Deputy Doublet, as Chair of the Family Friendly Sub-Panel, provided an update on the Sub-Panel's review.	

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The Panel was informed that presentation of the report was due on 27th January 2026 with a statement to be given by the Chair to the Assembly at the next States sitting. The Chair requested that thanks be recorded to the Committee and Panel Officer for drafting the report whilst being on secondment and also to the Communications Officer. The Chair informed the Panel that she had received feedback from someone who had been asked to comment on the report by the media whilst it was under embargo. It was agreed that embargoed copies should be kept private and not shared and this would be added to a session that the Digital and Public Engagement was currently running for the media.	SH
6. Briefings/Hearings The Panel noted the areas of questioning for its upcoming Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Health and Social Services due to take place on 10th February 2026. It asked that the following areas be included and an updated copy of the question plan be circulated. • Homebirths • Update on Women's health strategy The Panel requested that the Chief Midwife attend the hearing. The Panel discussed its upcoming Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Social Security on 18th February and provided areas for questioning. It was agreed that a draft question plan be circulated in due course.	JH
7. Draft Termination of Pregnancy (Jersey) Law 202- The Panel noted the recently lodged P.16/2026 Draft Termination of Pregnancy (Jersey) Law 202-. The Panel discussed the timeline for Scrutiny being short from lodging to debate, currently due for 10th March 2026. The Panel agreed it would consider its options with a view to providing Comments to the law and requested that all previous file notes be circulated. The Panel also discussed writing to stakeholders however, due to the tight timeframe, would not invite submissions from the general public as public consultation had already been undertaken. It was agreed that the Panel would read the draft law and revert to the Officer by the end of the week with confirmation of the next steps.	JH
8. Work Programme The Panel noted its updated Work Programme for 2026. It was agreed that the Panel produce Comments for the following Social Security Propositions, due to be debated on 24th February 2026 and asked that these be circulated for consideration. • P.1/2026 - Draft Employment and Discrimination Tribunal (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- • P.2/2026 - Draft Social Security (Health and Christmas Bonus) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- • P.4/2026 - Draft Employment and Discrimination (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-	

The Panel noted the debate on P.116/2025 – Future Approach to Personal Cannabis Use in Jersey had been delayed until September 2026 and no further action was required at this stage.	
9. Future Meetings The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Tuesday 10th February 2026 in the Le Capelain Room at 12pm followed by a Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Health and Social Services at 2pm.	

Health and Social Services Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 10th February 2026

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Vice Chair Deputy Philip Bailhache Deputy Lucy Stephenson
Apologies	Connétable Karen Shenton Stone
In attendance	Item 11 only Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Health and Social Services Deputy Andy Howell, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services Ms. Ruth Johnson, Director of Health Policy Ms. Cathy Stone, Nursing and Midwifery Change Lead, Health and Care Jersey Ms. Hazel Cunningham, Director of Finance Mr. Andy Weir, Director of Mental Health and Adult Social Care Ms. Claire Thompson, Chief Operating Officer for Acute Services Joanna Falla, Committee and Panel Officer Kaya Camara, Research and Project Officer Sarah Hopkins, Communications Officer Janice Hales, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings The Panel approved the records of its meetings dated 27th January 2026.	
2. New Declarations and Conflicts of Interest There were no new declarations or conflicts of interest to note.	
3. Assisted Dying Review Panel update Deputy Doublet, as Chair of the Assisted Dying Review Panel, provided an update on the Panel's review progress. The Panel was informed that the Review Panel had lodged several amendments and that a draft of the report was due imminently. A press notice had been drafted ready for circulation, and a request had been made to the Department that the fact checking time be reduced from 5 days to 2, to allow the report to be presented in time for the debate. It was noted that the Chair of the Review Panel would inform States Members when the report was due prior to its circulation to allow Members sufficient time to read it in advance.	KC LD
4. Hospital Review Panel update Deputy Renouf, as Chair of the Hospital Review Panel, provided an update on the work of the Panel, stating that no update had been received since the last panel meeting.	

5. Family Friendly Legislation Review Deputy Doublet, as Chair of the Family Friendly Legislation Review Sub-Panel, provided an update on the Sub-Panel's review. The Panel was informed that the report had been presented on 27th January 2026 and the Chair was due to make a Statement in the States Assembly on 24th February 2026. h	
6. Potential Reviews The Panel noted that P.15/2026, Draft Health and Social Care Professionals Register (Jersey) Law 202- had been lodged and discussed the next steps. The Panel agreed to request the government's communications plan that had been used in the formation of the proposition. The Panel also requested that a letter be drafted to the Jersey Care Commission to seek further information on any consultation process it had been party to. The Panel agreed that it would discuss the evidence gathered at its next scheduled meeting on 3rd March 2026 with a view to presenting Comments before the debate. The Panel discussed P.16/2026 Draft Termination of Pregnancy Law and the next steps. The Panel noted that the proposition was due for debate on 10th March 2026 which did not allow sufficient time for a full review and agreed that the topic form part of its legacy report for the next Panel to consider. It was noted that questions on the topic had been included in its question plan for its upcoming Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Health and Social Services and it was agreed that following the hearing, the Panel would consider presenting Comments.	JF/JH JF
7. Briefings and Hearings The Panel noted the Carers Allowance briefing due to take place on 11th February 2026 and requested that this be cancelled due to other work commitments. The Panel noted that the briefing had been originally scheduled for December 2025 when the proposition had been lodged, and it was agreed that following the adoption of the proposition, no further action was required at this stage. The Panel noted its upcoming Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Social Security on 18th March 2026. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next scheduled meeting on 3rd March 2026.	JH
11. Public Hearing with Minister for Health and Social Security The Panel welcomed the Minister for Health and Social Services to a Quarterly Public Hearing. The hearing was live streamed, recorded, and transcribed with a copy uploaded to the States Assembly website.	
12. Post Hearing Actions The Panel discussed outcomes of the Quarterly Public Hearing with the Communications Officer, areas for a social media post were agreed.	JF/SH
13. Future Meetings The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 in the Le Capelain Room.	

Health and Social Services Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 3rd March 2026

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Vice Chair Deputy Philip Bailhache Deputy Lucy Stephenson Connétable Karen Shenton-Stone
In attendance	Item 5 only Anonymous witness, Draft Termination of Pregnancy (Jersey) Law 202- Joanna Falla, Committee and Panel Officer Kaya Camara, Research and Project Officer Sarah Hopkins, Communications Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings The Panel approved the records of its meetings held on 10 th February 2026.	
2. New Declarations and Conflicts of Interest There were no new declarations or conflicts of interest to note.	
3. Assisted Dying Review Panel update Deputy Doublet, as Chair of the Assisted Dying Review Panel, provided an update on the Review Panel's review. The Panel was informed that 5 out of 7 of the Review Panel's lodged amendments had been adopted during the debate on the Draft Assisted Dying Legislation. The Panel noted that the Ministerial Response to the Review Panel's report was due on 2 nd April 2026. The Chair expressed her gratitude and thanks to the Officers who worked to support the Review Panel. Further, it was noted that the Expert Adviser's had expressed positive feedback to the Review Panel regarding all the work undertaken.	
4. Hospital Review Panel update Deputy Renouf, as Chair of the Hospital Review Panel, provided an update on the work of the Panel, stating that no update had been received since the last panel meeting. It was noted that the Review Panel's next scheduled meeting was 23 rd March 2026.	

5. Reviews/ Comments The Panel discussed P.16/2026 Draft Termination of Pregnancy Law and the next steps for its review. The Panel noted and considered a draft Comments Paper that had been prepared. The Panel welcomed an anonymous witness to the meeting to provide a submission on the draft law. The Panel was informed about a possible gap within the draft law and provided with a personal account from the witness. The witness expressed their concern regarding the timeframe to make informed decisions following the routine 20-week scan, where certain anomalies could be detected. The Panel thanked the witness for their time and agreed to consider the evidence provided. The Panel noted that further consultation in this area would be required to gain the necessary information. The Panel agreed to highlight the concern within its Comments Paper and include it in the Panel's Legacy Report so that consideration could be given to scrutinising this with the appropriate time required during the next term of office. The Panel made a number of changes to the draft Comments Paper and agreed to approve the final draft electronically via Microsoft Teams.	JF/KC JF/KC
6. States Business The Panel noted that P.15/2026, Draft Health and Social Care Professionals Register (Jersey) Law 202- had been lodged and that the deadline to present its Comments was 5th March 2026. The Panel considered the correspondence from the Jersey Care Commission, noting the issues and challenges regarding funding the proposed Law. The Panel considered a draft Comments Paper and made a number of changes relating to the funding challenges. The Panel agreed to approve the final draft of the Comments Paper on Microsoft Teams. The Panel noted that the Draft Mental Health, Capacity and Self-Determination (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- and the Draft Cremation (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- were due for debate on 24th March 2026. The Panel agreed to prepare Comments Papers for both propositions and noted that the deadline for presentation was 20th March 2026.	JF/KC JF/KC
7. Hearings The Panel noted its scheduled Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Social Security on 18th March 2026. The Panel agreed that due to time constraints and the Hearing's proximity to the end of the political term, that the Hearing was no longer necessary. The Chair agreed to liaise with the Minister for Social Security on the matter.	LD
8. Future Meetings The Panel noted that its next scheduled and final meeting would take place on Tuesday 17th March 2026 in the Le Capelain Room.	

Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 17th March 2026

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Vice Chair Deputy Lucy Stephenson Connétable Karen Shenton-Stone
Absent	Deputy Philip Bailhache
In attendance	Item 3 only Deputy Karen Wilson, Family Friendly Legislation Review Sub-Panel, Member Deputy Kristina Moore, Family Friendly Legislation Review Sub-Panel, Member Joanna Falla, Committee and Panel Officer Kaya Camara, Research and Project Officer Sarah Hopkins, Communications Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings The Panel approved the records of its meetings held on 3 rd March 2026.	
2. New Declarations and Conflicts of Interest There were no new declarations or conflicts of interest to note.	
3. Family Friendly Legislation Review – Ministerial Response The Panel welcomed Deputies Moore and Wilson for this agenda item only to discuss the Minister for Social Security's response to the Review of Family Friendly Legislation. The Panel noted the Ministerial Response and noted its concern that most of the review's recommendations had been noted as 'non-applicable' on the basis that they should be addressed by the incoming Minister for Social Security in the next term of government. The Panel considered several next steps and agreed to state in its Legacy Report that the next Health and Social Security Panel should request that the new Minister revisit the recommendations. The Panel asked the Officer to prepare a draft letter to the Minister for Social Security, seeking an indication of her position on the recommendations to assist the incoming Minister. The Panel agreed to review the draft letter before making a final decision on next steps. The Panel expressed its appreciation to the Officers for their work on the review.	JF
4. Hospital Review Panel update	

Deputy Renouf, as Chair of the Hospital Review Panel, stated that no update had been received since the last panel meeting, but that the Panel was due to meet on Monday 23 rd March. It was noted that the Review Panel was currently working on its Legacy Report.	
5. States Business – Panel Comments The Panel noted and provided final approval of the draft Comments on Draft Mental Health, Capacity and Self-Determination (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- [P.42/2026] and requested the Officer to make the necessary arrangements for presentation. The Panel noted the draft Comments on Draft Cremation (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- . The Panel requested some minor changes and agreed to approve the final draft via Microsoft Teams.	KC JF
6. Work Programme The Panel agreed the subject areas for inclusion in its Legacy Report having considered a range of potential themes and discussed several broader, cross-cutting issues to raise with the Scrutiny Liaison Committee for possible incorporation into the report. The Panel noted the Assisted Dying Review Panel's final Legacy Report.	
7. Communications Update The Panel requested that the Communications Officer prepare a series of social media posts for the final weeks of the term, highlighting the Panel's ongoing work, its Legacy Report, and key activities undertaken during this political term.	SH
8. Draft Road Traffic Law (Drug Driving) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- [P.32/2026] The Panel noted the lodging of P.32/2026 Draft Road Traffic Law (Drug Driving) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- . The Panel agreed that this matter fell within the remit of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure (EHI) Panel. The Panel supported the introduction of a Drug Driving Law in principle, but determined that consideration of the detailed provisions should be deferred to the EHI Panel. The Panel also reflected on the need for a review panel on drugs policy, given the cross-cutting nature of the subject, and noted that the Chair would be recommending to the Scrutiny Liaison Committee that this be included in its legacy report.	LD
9. Any Other Business The Panel requested that Officers undertake research into the work currently being carried out on means-tested funded travel for health care outside of the Island. The Panel agreed that a final Panel photograph would be taken the following week and asked the Communications Officer to make the necessary arrangements. The Panel expressed its thanks and appreciation to all Officers who had supported and contributed to its work throughout the political term.	JF/KC SH

Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Meeting held by Microsoft Teams

Date: 25th March 2026

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Vice Chair Deputy Lucy Stephenson Connétable Karen Shenton-Stone Deputy Philip Bailhache
In attendance	Joanna Falla, Committee and Panel Officer Kaya Camara, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
Records of Meetings The Panel noted and approved the records of meetings held on 17 th March 2026 via Microsoft Teams.	KC

Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Meeting held by Microsoft Teams

Date: 15th April 2026

Present	Deputy Louise Doublet, Chair Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Vice Chair Deputy Lucy Stephenson Connétable Karen Shenton-Stone Deputy Philip Bailhache
In attendance	Joanna Falla, Committee and Panel Officer Kaya Camara, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Legacy Report 2022-2026 The Panel reviewed the finalised Legacy Report 2022–2026 and formally approved the report, via Microsoft Teams, for presentation to the States Assembly.	KC