

Submission – Draft Road Traffic Law (Drug Limits) Regulations 202- Luke Outhwaite – 16th February 2026

I am writing with my concerns over the "DRAFT ROAD TRAFFIC LAW (DRUG DRIVING) (JERSEY) AMENDMENT

REGULATIONS 202-".

Firstly, can I please emplor you to reach out to the disability charities in Jersey for their comment on the subject, given this will have an impact on disabled people's right to independence?

I have taken the liberty of copying the Disability Inclusion team at Gov.

The groups associated with medical cannabis patients and their rights in Jersey should also be consulted. This may include medical professionals and any governing bodies associated with medical cannabis prescribing to ensure a medical standpoint is considered in any proposed legislation.

- There has been no proposal to allow a medical defense should a patient be taken to court in the legislation's current wording.
- No distinction made between legitimate medical use and illicit recreational use - tarring medical cannabis patients with cocaine users.
- Discriminating against medical cannabis patients vs traditional pharmaceuticals - there are no other legal 'limits' to pharmaceutical drugs under current legislation in Jersey, nor does there appear to be a proposal to include them - e.g. opiods, neuroleptic drugs, tranquillisers, anti depressants etc, which all pose a significant impairment risk on patients using them.
- In the UK, a roadside impairment test is performed for any prescription drugs to ensure the patient is operating the vehicle safely, which further supports a medical defense.
- ALL prescription medication labels (not just cannabis) state do not drive or operate machinery IF YOU FEEL IMPAIRED - not a blanket DO NOT drive whist taking.
- Placing already vulnerable people under more financial strain - potential job loss, extra costs on transport etc - further removing their independence and placing a burden on the Social Security Department.
- Creating a harmful stigma - patients could be subject to victimisation by members of the public reporting them inappropriately.
- Causing unnecessary fear and distress to patients as they don't know how much THC they have in their blood at any given time.

I give full consent to share all above concerns with any necessary parties.