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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: Ministerial Response

Thank you for your letter dated 14 April. Please see responses to your requests, below.

Finding 4: Access to Specialist Palliative Care Assessment

I note the Panel's request for further detail on access and pathways for palliative care assessments for individuals who are seeking an assisted death. Detail on such matters is currently being developed as part of the implementation of the Service. The implementation team will be happy to update the Panel in due course, as work progresses. However, your letter refers to 'out-of-hours provision' [in relation to accessing palliative care clinicians for assessments] it should be noted that as a principle, assisted dying [and as an extension, any additional assessments or opinions sought during the process] is not considered 'emergency care', but rather a planned procedure, and as such it is anticipated that, unless there are exceptional circumstances for doing so, assessments will not take place outside of standard hours.¹

Finding 7: Experience Requirements for Administering Practitioners

The Ministerial response uses the term 'considerable experience', as noted in the response - and in accordance with the law adopted by the Assembly- the Assisted Dying Assurance and Delivery Committee will confirm the competency requirements for all assisted dying practitioners, including Administering Practitioners. It is anticipated that this will include a requirement of years of practice/experience alongside other criteria, but this is to be confirmed by the Committee, which will be instigated in due course, as part of the implementation work.

I can confirm that the final competency requirements will be shared with the relevant scrutiny panel, once determined by the Assurance and Delivery committee.

Finding 20: Financial Model and Budget Assumptions

The initial costs for the implementation and delivery of assisted dying were approved by the Assembly in the 2026 Budget. These costs are necessarily indicative, rather than actual, and as noted in the Ministerial Response, further refinements will be undertaken once the Service commences and accurate figures and estimates can be made on the numbers of individuals requesting assisted dying. This will then be reflected in future Budgets.

¹ [States Assembly | P.18/2024](#) – paragraph 70

I will ensure that the project implementation team are able to update the Panel on costs as implementation progresses, including advising of any unforeseen emerging cost pressures.

I trust the above is of assistance to the Panel.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Binet', with a stylized, cursive script.

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