

PFAS Newsletter, November 2023

Dear Islanders,

Meeting with Islanders, October 2023

Thank you to the Islanders who joined us at Les Ormes for the report consultation launch with the PFAS Scientific Advisory Panel. This was the first time the Panel visited the Island all together and I know that they found the visit and their interaction with you beneficial. The meeting minutes will be available shortly.

Thank you also to those who commented on the first draft report on the potential for an interim therapeutic phlebotomy service. Your comments are being incorporated, and the report will be submitted to Ministers this week. Ministers will be considering the Panel's recommendations and will present to you at a meeting with Ministers on Friday 1 December. More details about this meeting are below.

Report 2: An assessment of the impact of PFAS exposure on health

During their time on the Island, the Panel held their first Panel meeting in public for report 2: An assessment of the impact of PFAS exposure on health. The meeting focused on the structure of the report and work areas the Panel intend to cover. The draft minutes from the 12 October are attached and the final version will be on the website after they are agreed at the next Panel meeting.

Next Panel meeting: Thursday 16 November, 10:00am to 12:00pm

During this meeting, the Panel will hear from affected Islanders, who will share their experiences, either in public or private. We are in the process of contacting Islanders who submitted testimonies and wanted to meet with the Panel on either 16 November or 7 December. Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit evidence to the Panel; it has all been reviewed and (where appropriate consent has been given) will be included as evidence.

The agenda for the 16 November PFAS Panel meeting is attached.

Meeting with Ministers on Friday 1 December, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

You are invited to an in-person meeting on Friday 1 December to meet with Ministers who will update you on the decisions they have made in response to the recommendations from the Panel's first report: The potential for an interim therapeutic phlebotomy service. Once Ministers have discussed and had a question-and-answer session with you on report 1, there will be an opportunity for a wider discussion on PFAS issues.

The intention is that this meeting will be held in a venue in the west of the Island, subject to availability. Details will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Next Panel meeting dates (online)

- Thursday 16 November 2023
- Thursday 7 December 2023
- Thursday 18 January 2024
- Thursday 8 February 2024
- Monday 4 March 2024

Meetings are usually from 10:00am. Please keep an eye on our emails for any changes.

We will be adding reports, agendas, and approved minutes to the website as they become available at [PFAS in Jersey \(gov.je\)](https://www.gov.je/pfas).

As always, if you have any questions, please email publichealth@gov.je.

Best wishes

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