

Hello,

Last month's update said that I was hoping to announce the Chair of the panel and the topics that the PFAS Scientific Panel will be exploring in my next update.

I'm pleased to confirm that Dr Steve Hajioff has been appointed as the independent chair of the panel. Steve is an experienced doctor with leadership and communication skills. He has led programmes related to the environment and health, the development of new healthcare technologies and the development of policies, including developing the health and environmental impact assessment programme for the Greater London Authority. He has experience leading multi-disciplinary panels, and chaired the panels that developed the post-traumatic stress disorder guideline and the suspected cancer guideline for England, which makes him particularly well suited to this role.

The role of the chair is to lead the panel and gather the expert testimony from members, PFAS experts and Islanders. Steve's independence from Government, the Island and the subject of PFAS guarantees that he will not bring any bias from previous work to the panel.

Steve was the first choice of both the interview panel and the stakeholder panel, and we are delighted to announce his appointment to you today. We are very grateful to Sarah Simon, Paul Berghouse and Jeremy Snowdon for their help in this recruitment process.

We are continuing the process to recruit the further panel members and it's still my expectation that the first meeting of the panel will be during the second quarter of this year.

### **Agreed topics for the PFAS Scientific Advisory Panel**

During the panel's term they will examine set topics and compile five reports. This will enable an effective and evidenced based approach to decision-making, allowing for an informed response to PFAS matters on the Island.

These topics are:

1. **Clinical interventions and trials**
  - To give evidenced based and clinical advice on any treatments or interventions for people with high PFAS levels in their blood serum.
2. **Assessment of evidence on health**
  - To review and present a summary of the evidence around PFAS and physical and psychological health harms.

**3. Blood testing**

- To provide an informed and expert view regarding the blood re-testing merits for PFAS.

**4. Environmental management**

- Identify the most appropriate approaches to environmental management.

**5. Update on the health and interventions reports**

- To give updates on reports 2 and 1, the assessment of evidence on health and clinical interventions and trials at a later stage.

Just so you are aware and prepared, I will be sharing this information with the media on 4 April, but I am pleased to be able to share this good news with you first.

In my next update I'll be providing you with details of our final panel members, and I expect that to be in around a month.

In the meantime, please do contact us if you have any questions by emailing [publichealth@gov.je](mailto:publichealth@gov.je).

Best wishes  
Prof Peter Bradley