Independent Advisory Panel – Citizens' Jury on Assisted Dying



<u>Independent Advisory Panel meeting minutes</u> <u>Wednesday 13th January 2021; 09:30-10:30</u>

Present:

Panel Members Involve Government of Jersey

Gillian Arthur, MBE Lizzie Adams Anna Hamon

Dr Helen Miles Tim Hughes

James Le Feuvre

Michael De La Haye, OBE

Executive Support:

Jade Le Quesne

Apologies:

Ruth Johnson

Agenda

- 1. Feedback on stakeholder management so far
- 2. Update on use of Observer role
- 3. Future Communications plans
- 4. Brief design update
- 5. AOB

1. Feedback on stakeholder management so far

- Members of the policy team met with campaign group representatives shortly after previous panel meeting.
- The Health Minister was also given a detailed briefing on key updates.

- The panel made the following recommendations regarding future stakeholders to be approached:
 - o GPs,
 - o Medical professionals,
 - o Religious groups,
 - o Relevant voluntary and community sector organisations.

2. <u>Update on use of Observer role</u>

- The panel made the following recommendation:
 - o The sessions must protect the wellbeing and anonymity of the jury members.
 - The sessions should not be open to elected representatives or others not directly involved in the delivery of the project
 - The Minister may meet with the Advisory Panel members after the first group of Jury sessions, in order that the panel can share their views of the process so far.
- It was confirmed that the evidence/submissions should be public and made available on gov.je (with potential exceptions of certain lived experience submissions from members of the public, should they request it.)
 - The panel members re-stated their commitment to overseeing the Jury process, beyond that stated in the original terms of reference (i.e. 3-4 set-up meetings).
 Independent panel members are willing to act as observers during the sessions

3. Future communications plans

- The Panel made the following recommendations:
 - o Prior to commencement of Jury sessions in March provide detailed information on gov.je and to media. Involve & GoJ to action
 - o Ensuring all media briefings provide meaningful updates.
- It was noted that there has already been a good uptake of registered interest for participants which fulfils the range of demographic criteria.

4. Brief design update

- It was noted that there are discussions with numerous academics in the field to fulfil the expert lead and oversight roles
 - o At least 3 have expressed interest so far
 - o The benefits of having more than one 'expert lead' was discussed
- The significance of having both national and international speakers was raised.
 - o The Panel commented that a document should be available to the public detailing the speaker selection process.

5. <u>AOB</u>

N/A