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Independent Advisory Panel meeting minutes  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 14:00-16:00

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Present:

<i>Panel Members</i>	<i>Involve</i>	<i>Government of Jersey</i>
Gillian Arthur, MBE	Lizzie Adams	Anna Hamon
Dr Helen Miles	Tim Hughes	Ruth Johnson
James Le Feuvre		
Michael De La Haye, OBE		

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Agenda

1. Outline of a Citizens' Jury
2. Introduction to the area of assisted dying
3. Roles & responsibilities of the Advisory Panel
4. Panel Questions
5. Actions & Decisions
6. AOB

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1. Outline of a Citizens' Jury followed

- An outline of a Citizens Jury was presented.
- It was noted that the process uses supported facilitation to support Jury members to decide on recommendations; and the content of the final recommendations is in the hands of the jury members.

Involve provided an outline of this method of deliberative democracy. It was noted:

- The process by which the participants were to be selected – a random sample of invitations to be sent out to Jersey addresses, so everyone has an equal chance to take part using the process of Sortition
- That there would be 18-24 Jury members for this process.

- The importance of a demographically representative sample of members on the jury.
2. Introduction to the area of assisted dying followed
    - An overview of the key considerations relating to the topic of Assisted Dying was presented. This included consideration of:
      - Terminology and language used around the issue of assisted dying
      - Consideration of experiences in other jurisdictions who have & have not legalised assisted dying
      - Safeguards and regulation considerations
      - Balancing legal views, medical views and community views
      - Consideration of ethical and moral dimensions
  3. Roles and responsibilities – overview of process
    - An overview of key roles and responsibilities for the project were presented. [See appendix 1]
  4. Panel Questions
    - A Q+A session took place amongst the panel regarding the Jury process.
  5. Key actions and decision summary

Decisions and actions:

- Panel members approved the key question for the Jury:
  - *Should assisted dying be permitted in Jersey, and if so, under what circumstances?*
- The panel considered changes to the Terms of Reference:
  - Changes re removal of reference to a 'Chair' were confirmed.
  - The Panel noted that to review the progress of the process, another 1-2 meetings may be added in addition to the scheduled 3-4 in the existing Terms of Reference.
  - It was confirmed for the final Terms of Reference to be brought to the next meeting.
- The Panel members agreed to making their names and the panel's Terms of Reference public via Gov.je
- The Agenda for the next meeting was agreed, and the panel members agreed to email any agenda item suggestions in the interim.

Recommendations:

- The panel agreed on the importance of publicly articulating the steps of the Citizens' Jury process, and what will happen with the final report.
- The panel noted that the issue of mental health should be adequately covered/explored in the sessions.
- The panel discussed that whilst 'lived experience' should be covered, 'nation experience' is also vital (i.e. countries that have introduced Assisted Dying – their experiences, the benefits and drawbacks).

6. AOB
- N/A

Appendix 1

*[Note this diagram is the latest version, which was updated after the Panel meeting on 24.11.20 to reflect updates to the roles and oversight involved in the citizens' jury process]*

