

## Health Funding Reform Ministerial Group

### Purpose

1. The Health Funding Reform Ministerial Group (“the Group”) provides a forum for cross ministerial discussion and agreement on matters relating to future healthcare funding.
2. The aim of the Group is to bring forward, for consideration by the Council of Ministers and the Assembly, proposals for the reform of future healthcare funding in Jersey.
3. The Group will work to ensure that proposals for funding reform are aligned across their respective policy areas and support the strategic objectives of the Council of Ministers. The Group will update the Council of Ministers as appropriate in line with the Ministerial Code.
4. The Group will receive statistics, analysis, and advice; undertake stakeholder engagement; monitor progress and co-ordinate cross portfolio policy development and decision making.

### Background

5. The Government Plan 2023-2026<sup>1</sup>, building on a prior Assembly decision and the Government Plan 2022-2025, sets out a commitment as follows: *“The Health and Social Services Minister is currently undertaking a wide review of the Island’s health and care cost... This work will continue throughout 2023 with options being brought to the Assembly in 2024.”*

### Remit

The Group will:

6. consider and understand, for the purposes of informed political decision making:
  - a. the costs of current and future health and care services accounting for demographic changes and health inflation.
  - b. the range of potential funding options, the revenue derived from those options and scope to meet future costs.
  - c. the impact and implications of the current system of funding (including the Health Insurance Fund (HIF) and Health Access Scheme (HAS)) and potential funding options on:
    - a. population health outcomes.
    - b. the reduction of health inequalities.
    - c. the distribution of cost burdens placed on the government and citizens.
    - d. the potential to incentivise provider and citizen’s behaviour.
    - e. workforce and providers sustainability (linked to work on Health System Workforce strategy).

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- f. service demand.
    - g. clinical governance and patient safety.
  - d. options for contracting and commissioning services to ensure sustainability and resilience of the health and care system.
  - e. viability of / barriers to / risks associated with implementation of options (including system and legislation change; reputational; political; cultural and societal).
  - f. citizen and providers' response to the options.
7. Determine options to be presented to Council of Ministers and, as required, the Assembly.
  8. Plan for the adoption and implementation of an agreed option.
  9. Determine the data, systems and models required to examine:
    - a. real-time revenue / expenditure and impact of policy and services changes on revenue / expenditure (including National Health Accounts and PLICS).
    - b. provider / workforce impact of changes.
    - c. impact on population health.
    - d. impact on service quality.

### **Membership**

10. Members include:
  - Deputy Wilson, Minister for Health and Social Services (Chair).
  - Deputy Gorst, Minister for Treasury and Resources.
  - Deputy Millar, Minister for Social Security.
  - Deputy Ferey, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services & Social Security.
11. Officers will be invited to support the Ministers.

### **Meeting Frequency**

12. The Group will meet approximately six times each year, and more often as needed.
13. Working groups will be deployed as required in order to progress specific work streams.

### **Record Keeping and Reporting**

14. The Group will be quorate when three members are present, one of whom must be the Minister for Health and Social Services or their delegate.
15. In the case of the absence of the Chair, another Minister will be nominated to officiate.

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16. Agendas and papers for each Group meeting will be circulated two working days in advance.
17. Minutes of the meetings will not be published or subject to FOI requests as they represent policy in development.

### **Roles and responsibilities**

18. Ministers will remain responsible for the legislation and services under their direct political responsibility.
19. The Group will be supported by officials to the same standards and applying similar practices as they would apply in supporting individual Ministers.
20. In doing this, officials will produce reports and provide free and open access to information to members of the Group, save for any data protection limitations, as requested.
21. Group members will respect the impartiality of officials and maintain the confidentiality of any information or advice provided, in so far as this is not already in the public domain or intended to be placed in the public domain.
22. The Group will rely on the existing resources of departments. In the event the Group wishes to seek independent advice this will be dependent on the availability for monies within existing departmental heads of expenditure to fund such advice.

**DATE:**