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Report in respect of Ministerial Decision to approve a Deputy Mental Health Law Administrator (MD-HCS-2021-)

There is a need to ensure that the provision for Capacity and Self-Determination (Jersey) Law 2016 & Mental Health (Jersey) Law 2016 Administrator tasks is as resilient as possible to ensure the statutory requirements continue to be met. There has been provisional cover for the role until funding was secured and recruitment undertaken for a deputy. The deputy role will provide additional support to the Ministerial functions, the role and continuity during times of absence for the Mental Health Law Administrator.

The ability to carry out the to the Deputy role's functions need to be by a formal Ministerial Decision being granted.

If the Ministerial Decision is granted, the following benefits will be achieved:

- Adequate provision for the statutory and Ministerial functions of the Mental Health (Jersey) Law 2016 and Capacity and Self-Determination (Jersey) Law 2016
- Facility to further develop both roles in line with requirements of the Mental Health (Jersey) Law 2016 and Capacity and Self-Determination (Jersey) Law 2016
- Adequate provision to cover periods of annual leave and/or sickness both immediately and in the longer term

Members of staff working within the department had previously agreed to be utilised in the event of absence of the substantive Administrator. The current recruitment is the sustainable long term solution detailed to the Minister earlier in 2021.

Sincerely



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