



MINISTER FOR HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Report from Deputy Chief Inspector of the Jersey Care Commission

REPORT

TITLE: Medical Practitioners (Registration) (Responsible Officers) (Jersey) Order 2014 - Approval of Responsible Officers

DATE: 21 February 2024

BACKGROUND

Medical Practitioners (Registration) (Responsible Officers) (Jersey) Order 2014

This Order provides for the appointment and duties of Responsible Officers (ROs) which mirror those of ROs in the UK and include making recommendations to the GMC to assist their decision about whether an individual doctor continues to have a licence to practise.

There are five classes of registered medical practitioners that will determine how local doctors will be allocated a Responsible Officers. It is an equivalent system to that in the UK and agreed by the GMC to support the revalidation process.

The five classes are:

- Responsible Officers class – This class is for the registered medical practitioners who are themselves, the Responsible Officers for the following four classes.
- States Employees class – This class is for all registered medical practitioners who are States employees or who practise under a contract of service with the Health and Social Services Department.
- Performers class – This class is for doctors who work as General Practitioners and who are included on the Performers List and an approved practitioner under the Health Insurance (Jersey) Law 1967.
- Independent Practitioners class – This class is for what is expected to be a small number of registered medical practitioners who do not fall into any of the preceding classes and do not already have a UK Responsible Officer.
- UK Connected Practitioners class – This class is for doctors who already have a Responsible Officer in the UK.

Under the Order, Responsible Officers are appointed by the Minister and he or she must be registered as a medical practitioner in Jersey. The Medical Officer of Health (or nominated deputy) has authority delegated from the Minister to appoint Responsible Officers.

The Responsible Officer responsibilities for each class of medical practitioner are set out in the Schedules to the Order and broadly follow the equivalent UK regulations. The responsibilities for the Responsible Officer for the Performers class are consistent with and aligned to the Health Insurance (Performers List for General Medical Practitioners) (Jersey) Regulations 2014.

The Responsible Officer for medical practitioners registered under the class of States Employees, falls within the responsibilities of the Medical Director for Health and Community Services. The Responsible Officer for medical practitioners registered under the Performers Class is the medical director for primary care who is also responsible under the Health Insurance (Performers List for General Medical Practitioners) (Jersey) Regulations 2014.

Both Responsible Officers may be required to take on the duties set out in the schedule for medical practitioners in the UK Connected and Independent class. The allocation of RO is determined on the basis of the sub speciality of the medical practitioner.

From 1 March 2024, the Medical Director for Health and Community Services is Patrick Armstrong.

Recommendation

Approve under Article 4(2) of the Medical Practitioners (Registration) (Responsible Officers) (Jersey) Order 2014:

Dr Patrick Armstrong as Responsible Officer for the following classes of medical practitioners:

States Employees
Independent Practitioners
UK Connected Practitioners

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