

Approval of: Gift to Jersey Cheshire Home from the HE Le Seelleur Gift Fund

Introduction

The Minister for Health and Social Services ("the Minister") has received a request for funding totalling £640,000.00 from Jersey Cheshire Homes from the HE Le Seelleur Gift Fund ("the Fund"). Under P.71/1997, the Minister is considered the administrator of the Fund.

Issue

The Minister for Health and Social Services received a request for funding totalling £640,000.00 from Jersey Cheshire Homes (JCH) from the Fund.

JCH was founded in 1983 to support Islanders with debilitating physical disabilities, which results in them no longer being able to live in their own home. JCH is the only residential facility on the Island caring solely for adults with disabilities. Today, the charity provides a home to 31 individuals and supports over 60 additional individuals each week to manage and improve their condition through aqua & physio therapies.

The funding being requested (payable in two parts) will be used to increase the service capacity of the charity under terms detailed in the signed Partnership Agreement (PA) of 14 December 2023.

This will be done by increasing the bed base of the charity by three and enhancing the therapeutic spaces to provide increased specialist rehabilitation according to a specific programme of work separately agreed with HCS.

The award is recommended to the Minister by the HCS Chief Officer as being in compliance with the award restrictions of the Le Seelleur Gift Fund "... for the benefit of aged, infirm and needy residents of the Island".

Furthermore, this recommendation has been made independently of Departmental interest.

Subject to the HCS Chief Officer's satisfaction that agreed due diligence procedures are complete, and the Treasurer's satisfaction over the Chief Officer's representations on those matters, the Treasurer of the States, as Accountable Officer with responsibility for the custody of gift fund assets, will be requested to facilitate the Minister's decision and release the funds to JCH.

The HCS Chief Officer will thereafter be responsible for monitoring the charity's adherence to the Partnership Agreement, giving approval for milestone payments and the enforcement of any clauses.

Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to approve this decision to release funding from the Fund to Jersey Cheshire Homes, as outlined above.

Resource Implications

There are no Departmental resource implications arising from this decision. The assets in the fund will reduce by the specified amount.

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