

General Information	
Ministerial Decision Type	Appointment
Report Title	Appointment to the Pharmaceutical Benefit Advisory Committee
Minister	Social Security
Signatory	Minister
Lead Department	Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance (SP3)
Lead Directorate	Public Policy (SP3)
Ministerial Decision Summary: Public or Absolutely/Qualified Exempt	Public
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Report and Supplemental Report Details	
Report Author	Senior Policy Officer
Date of Report	01/08/2022
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Relevant Case/Application/URN <i>(Only complete if making a decision related to an appeal where appropriate or allowed under legislation/case/application)</i>	Insert Relevant Case/Application.
Relevant Proposition Number <i>(Only complete if presenting Comments or if lodging an Amendment)</i>	Insert P. number.
Relevant Scrutiny Report <i>(Only complete if presenting a ministerial response)</i>	Insert S.R. number.
Associated Law(s) and/or Subordinate Legislation	Health Insurance (Jersey) Law 1967; Health Insurance (Pharmaceutical Benefit Advisory Committee) (Jersey) Order 2017

Action required if recommendation agreed	Officers to confirm the appointment and inform the Pharmaceutical Benefit Advisory Committee.
Resource Implications	There are no new financial and/or manpower implications.

Introduction

The Pharmaceutical Benefit Advisory Committee (PBAC) is the body, created under the Health Insurance (Jersey) Law 1967, to provide advice to the Minister for Social Security on the items which should be maintained on the Approved List and funded by Pharmaceutical benefit. The Minister is required to consult with the advisory committee before making changes to the Approved List.

The Chair is appointed by the Minister for Social Security, to represent the views of the public. This position (as are others on the advisory committee) is voluntary.

Recruitment Process

Recruitment has been conducted under the supervision of the Jersey Appointments Commission.

The role of Chair for the PBAC was advertised in the Local Press and on the Government website, attracting two candidates.

Interviews were conducted in June 2022 by a panel of three people, overseen by the Jersey Appointments Commission. The Commission are able to confirm that the recruitment process was conducted appropriately, meeting the standards required in openness, equity and impartiality.

Recommendation

To approve the appointment.

Detail

The Minister has appointed Colette Fagan as Chair to the Pharmaceutical Benefit committee, commencing September 2022.

The PBAC comprises medical professionals, including an independent pharmaceutical advisor, the Chief Pharmacist, and representatives for primary care prescribers. The committee is Chaired by a lay person appointed by the Minister for Social Security.

The previous Chair has served the maximum term permissible under the constitution of the PBAC and will step down in 2022. Therefore, having observed the requirement of the constitution of the PBAC as prescribed in the Health Insurance (Pharmaceutical Benefit Advisory Committee) (Jersey) Order 2017, the Minister has decided to appoint a new Chair to the committee.