

## **DR SUSAN TURNBULL**

### **MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

*The Medical Officer of Health's (MOH's) overarching role is to monitor, protect and promote the health of Jersey' population, working across government.*

*The MOH is Jersey government's equivalent of Chief Medical Officer. Responsibilities are wide-ranging and include management of the Strategic Public Health Unit and the Professional and Care Regulation Team, delivering MOH statutory responsibilities and others as delegated by the Minister of Health and Social Services; professional leadership / specialist public health and medical advice to the wider Public Health Jersey community (including Environmental Health and HSS Preventive Programmes), the Chief Officer of the Department of Community and Constitutional Affairs, the Chief Executive of the States of Jersey and all other SOJ Departments, the Chief Minister and Council of Ministers, local media and the people of Jersey. Recently in the aftermath of retirement of Guernsey's MOH in February 2017, links have been strengthened with the CEO of the Bailiwick of Guernsey, the HSSD Chief Secretary and the President of the HSSD Committee, and work undertaken to explore opportunities for increasing joint Channel Islands working.*

#### **1. Strategic Public Health Unit**

Managed by the MOH, this small team (5.5 fte), relocated in 2016 with the MOH to the Department of Community and Constitutional Affairs from the former Public Health Directorate of the HSS Department, delivers:

#### **Health Intelligence Coordination**

- Jersey Health Profile development and publication ( most recent edition November 2016)
- Regular reports based on analysis of local data eg Alcohol profile, Obesity Profile, Smoking Profile, Premature Mortality, Preventable Mortality, Breastfeeding and Child Health, Immunisation Report, Termination of Pregnancy
- Management of links with:
  - States of Jersey Statistics Unit
  - Office of National Statistics – deaths coding
  - Public Health England – Cancer Registry Contract
  - Jersey General Hospital Informatics Team
  - Primary Care data / EMIS

- Guernsey counterparts
- Future Jersey / Island Vision / development of Outcomes Framework for Health and Wellbeing domain
- Workstream lead: Population Needs Assessment as part of the Sustainable Primary Care Strategy
- Organisation of Jersey (July) 2017 Inter-Islands Public Health Forum

## **Health and Wellbeing Strategy / Strategic Health Improvement**

### **Development and delivery of cross-sectoral Jersey Strategies including:**

- Tobacco
- Prevention of Suicide Framework
- Food and Nutrition

### **Partnership working with other SOJ Departments:**

- Alcohol Strategy and Licensing Law
- Representation on Drug and Alcohol Action Team
- Physical Activity in conjunction with Jersey Sport
- Sexual Health Strategy (led by HSS)

### **Also:**

- Support to Minister re British-Irish Council

## **2. Infectious Diseases and Environmental Health**

### **The MOH:**

- Has statutory roles re notification and control of infectious diseases
- Provides professional leadership / support to CCDC
- Has links with European infectious disease network alerting system
- Chairs monthly Infectious Diseases meetings with Consultant Microbiologist, Director of Environmental Health, Medical Director for Primary Care, Head of Preventive Programmes and the States Veterinary Officer
- Maintains oversight / population perspective and provides political / public advice re other environmental threats to Health – eg radiation, water quality, air quality, food safety, statutory nuisance: support to Environment Department including Director of Environmental Health
- Chairs Channel Islands Pandemic Flu Strategy Steering Group
- Has statutory duties regarding end of life issues, including certification that bodies meet export requirements
- Also has a range of statutory duties regarding Port Health in line with International Health Regulations

### 3. Professional and Care Regulation

The MOH manages the team responsible for:

- **Regulation of Care Law** development and delivery. Current work in progress is transition to Independent Health and Social Care Commission, appointment of Independent Chair and Commissioners; and consultation on / development of new Regulations ( including bringing newly into regulation HSS care homes and domiciliary care agencies)
- Registration and Inspection of Nursing and Residential Homes under the current law / casework and investigations / applications / complaints / statutory improvement notices / advice to HSS Minister.
- The MOH has a range of delegated authorities on behalf of the HSS Minister in the context of the current laws.
- **Professional Registration:** this aspect of the team's work includes administration of relevant Jersey laws re local registration of Medical Practitioners, Nurses, Social Workers, Registered Osteopaths and Chiropractors, and a wide range of allied health professionals
- The MOH has delegated authority in relation to investigations and suspensions under the provisions of the Medical Practitioners' Law.
- The role involves close links between the MOH and the HSS Medical Director, and the Medical Director for Primary Care.
- Professional registration concerns involve liaison with the relevant Professional Regulatory Bodies eg GMC, NMC, HCPC, GOC

### 4. Preventive Programmes

The MOH provides professional leadership, specialist public health advice and support to the HSS Head of Preventive Programmes, and other HSS colleagues on:

- Screening programmes
- Immunisation programmes
- Smoking Cessation

The MOH is Chair of the:

- Breast Screening Steering Group
- Cervical Screening Steering Group
- Colorectal Screening Steering Group

## **5. Further MOH Duties**

- The MOH is Medical Adviser to the Chief Minister, and to the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Council of Ministers, and the Government of Jersey more widely including the Parish Connetables. The MOH is also a source of public health and other medical advice to the medical professions of the island, the media and to all Islanders.

### **Death:**

- Cremation Law: providing final authority to cremate. Involves liaison, in the event of concerns / anomalies with certifying doctors – GPs and Hospital, also Deputy Viscount and Funeral Directors, Superintendent Registrar
- Deaths / untoward deaths / mass casualty planning: liaison with Deputy Viscount and Superintendent Registrar

### **Statutory Member:**

- Misuse of Drugs Advisory Council
- Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee

### **Emergency Planning**

Member of the Emergency Planning Board

### **Safeguarding:**

Chair of Channel Islands Child Death Overview Panel

### **Climate Change:**

Member of Climate Change Group / its subgroups (eg Disease Vectors)

### **Social Security:**

Review of Gluten-Free Vouchers Scheme: 2015-2016; scheme changed based on MOH advice to SSD Minister

## **Department for Infrastructure / Driver and Vehicle Standards**

The MOH is leading a Review of Jersey's Medical Fitness to Drive assessment processes. This includes:

- On behalf of the Comite of Connetables and in consultation with UK DVLA, undertaking a second review of the Jersey system of assessment of medical fitness to drive.
- Consultation / meetings with stakeholders including Constables, Medical professionals (specialist and GPs), Occupational Therapists, Psychologists, Insurers, Head of DVS.
- Organising training programme for Jersey doctors in Traffic Medicine / setting up local Panel to advice Connetables on parishioners' medical fitness to drive

Regular duties include:

- Casework: as required by Road Traffic Law, act as source of advice and guidance on individual medical fitness to drive cases/ queries to GPs and consultants, and in turn to Parish Connetables.
- Liaison with Road Safety colleagues

## **6. Continuing interface with Health and Social Services**

The MOH was a HSS Corporate Director until September 2016. Since the move to Community and Constitutional Affairs, she remains a member of the following HSS committees, groups or processes:

- Serious Incident Review Panel
- Transition (P82) Steering Group
- Governance Reform Workstream / KPMG workshops
- Sustainable Primary Care Steering Group ( The MOH is Population Needs Assessment Workstream SRO)
- Second Stage Complaints Panel
- Charges Appeals Panel
- High Cost Treatment Requests Panel
- Medical Staff Committee ( the MOH continues to be on the Medical Consultant Contract)

## **7. Wider networking:**

The MOH is a Fellow of the UK Faculty of Public Health and a Member of

- **The Royal College of General Practitioners**
- **Wessex Public Health Network**
- **Association of Directors of Public Health**
- **European Health Forum**
- **American Public Health Association**
- **Inter-Islands Public Health Forum**

and has established Public Health professional networks with colleagues in

- **Guernsey, Gibraltar and Isle of Man**
- **Brittany and Normandy**

## **8. Maintenance of professional competence and fitness to practise**

### **GMC revalidation**

The MOH, as a GMC- licensed medical practitioner:

- Maintains GMC Licence to Practise / involving 5 yearly revalidation (last revalidated December 2014); participation in annual GMC appraisal.
- The MOH's GMC revalidation 'Designated Body' is the Faculty of Public Health (FPH)
- Annual appraisals are conducted by an appraiser who is appointed by FPH.
- The MOH is required to satisfy the FPH's CPD requirements.

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