

## **PFAS Newsletter, 25 September 2023 (Issue 2)**

Dear Islanders,

### **Public meeting and venue confirmation**

We have now confirmed Les Ormes for the in-person report consultation launch for affected Islanders with the PFAS Scientific Advisory Panel.

**Date: Wednesday 11 October 2023**

**Time: from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**

**Venue: Les Ormes Resort, La Rue a Carrée, St Brelade, JE3 8FL**

On arrival, please go reception and staff will direct you to the function room which is on the first floor. A lift is available.

### **Consultation period for report 1: A therapeutic phlebotomy service**

At the event on 11 October, the PFAS Panel members will explain the first interim report on therapeutic phlebotomy. Then, a two-week consultation period will commence in which you can submit any further comments. The consultation period will run until 25 October 2023.

This will be an email consultation inviting your feedback on:

- The content and recommendations in the report
- Whether or not you agree with the recommendations
- Any further questions and concerns you wish to raise

Please email [PFASpanel@gov.je](mailto:PFASpanel@gov.je) with your comments and feedback by **25 October**.

### **Report 2: An assessment of the impact of PFAS exposure on health**

#### Launch

The event on 11 October will also launch the consultation for the draft scope of the second report, which will be an assessment of the impact of PFAS exposure on health.

#### Call for Experts by Experience testimonies

The Panel are inviting written submissions from affected Islanders wishing to give evidence to the Panel. The Panel want to hear from people who have health symptoms they attribute to their PFAS exposure.

If interested, please use the attached testimony submission template, and email it to [PFASpanel@gov.je](mailto:PFASpanel@gov.je). The Panel will review all testimonies received and will ensure a breadth of experiences are presented to the Panel at dedicated Panel meetings. The **deadline for submissions is 25 October 2023**.

The Panel may come back to you with questions regarding the information you provide.

**The process will be:**

- Call for evidence from now until 25 October
- The PFAS Panel will then review the written evidence
- Islanders who wish to attend meetings and are selected by the Panel will be invited
- The Panel will invite up to eight people to give their testimonies (selecting a cross section) as part of the Panel meetings in addition to considering all of the written evidence

The Panel meetings to hear from experts by experience are planned for:

**16 November from 10am** and  
**7 December from 10am**

It is on these dates the Panel are hoping to hear from affected Islanders. Selected Islanders can present at the usual online meeting or in private with the Panel members.

Along with your personal testimony, please indicate (using the template provided) if you would like to present your story to the panel, if you can make the dates above and whether you would present in the public meeting or would prefer to do so in private. Alternatively, you may just wish to submit written evidence and not attend any meetings.

*If you do not have access to email, you may write in regarding the consultation or testimonies to: The PFAS Panel c/o Grace Norman, Government of Jersey (Public Health), 19-21 Broad Street, St Helier, JE2 3RR.*

If you have any queries, please email [publichealth@gov.je](mailto:publichealth@gov.je)

Best wishes

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