

Background information on Jersey and the Jersey Care Commission

Jersey

Jersey is the largest of the Channel Islands with an area of 45 sq. miles (120 km²) and is situated 14 miles off the north-west coast of France and 85 miles from the English coast. It has a population of around 100,000.

Jersey is a Crown Dependency and as such is not part of the UK. The Island is not represented in the UK Parliaments whose Acts only extend to Jersey if expressly agreed by the Island that they should do so. As a self-governing Crown Dependency it has its own financial, legal and judicial systems.

The Island's Parliament is known as the States Assembly. It consists of 49 elected members from a mix of island-wide and parish based constituencies. This number comprises 8 Senators, 29 Deputies and 12 Constables (Connétables). The Assembly is presided over by the Bailiff, who is also head of the Royal Court.

The States of Jersey has a ministerial system of government. Executive powers are exercised by a Chief Minister and other ministers, known collectively as the Council of Ministers.

The Chief Minister is elected from amongst the elected members of the States. Ministers are then proposed both by the Chief Minister and any other elected member, the final decision being made by the States Assembly.

The Jersey Care Commission

The Care Commission was established under Part 7 of the Regulation of Care (Jersey) Law 2014. This makes provision for a Health and Social Care Commission to be set up, specifies how Commissioners are appointed and sets out the Commission's duties and responsibilities.

It is a statutory body, independent of the Minister for Health and Social Services, the Chief Minister and the States of Jersey. The Care Commission is funded partly by the States of Jersey, with the remaining costs raised through registration fees paid by providers.

The Care Commission was established in shadow form in early 2017, with the appointment of a Chair and four other Commissioners to prepare for the implementation of the 2014 Law and became fully established on 1 January when the remaining the enabling Regulations came into force.

One of the Care Commissioners is a Jersey resident and an experienced carer. The others live off Island and have relevant skills and experience in the fields of health, social care, regulation and inspection, relevant research, and public service. Commissioners are appointed, in the first instance, for a term of three years.

The role of the Commission

The Commission regulates and inspects services for both adults and children, provided by the States of Jersey, Parishes, private providers and the voluntary sector, to ensure that people receive high quality and safe care.

The services currently falling within the scope of regulation includes care homes providing nursing and personal care or personal support for people with a range of health and social care needs, care provided to people in their own homes either by an organisation or as a directly employed individual, adult day care services and residential and other services for children and young people.

The Commission is also responsible for registering health and social care professionals who work in Jersey and for protecting the public from infection risks, by regulating piercing and tattooing businesses

The extent of the Commission's regulatory oversight will expand over time to include services delivered in hospital as well as the community, including social services and mental health services for both adults and children.

The 2014 Law permits the Commission to extend its role in providing scrutiny and promoting the quality of health and social care in Jersey. The Commission may be requested by the Chief Minister, or the Minister for Health and Community Services, to prepare and provide a report upon any aspect of health or social care. The Commission may independently prepare and publish a report on aspects of health and social care as it thinks fit.

The Commission's Vision, Purpose, and Values

Vision

Providing independent assurance, promoting best practice and improving health and social care outcomes for the people of Jersey.

Purpose

We were appointed as a Health and Social Care Commission to:

- provide the people of Jersey with independent assurance about the quality, safety and effectiveness of their health and social care services
- promote and support best practice in the delivery of health and social care by setting high standards and challenging poor performance
- work with service users, their families and carers to improve their experience of health and social care and achieve better outcomes

Values

The Commission's work is founded on our core values of:

- **A person centred approach** – we put the needs and the voices of people using health and social care services at the heart of everything we do
- **Integrity** – we will be objective and impartial in our dealings with people and organisations
- **Openness and accountability** – we will act fairly and transparently, and will be responsible for our actions
- **Efficiency and excellence** – we strive to continually improve and provide the best possible quality and value from our work
- **Engagement** – we will work together with, and seek the views of, those using, providing, funding and planning health and social care services in developing all aspects of our work.