## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY K.G. PAMPLIN OF ST. SAVIOUR QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2021 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 1st MARCH 2021

## Question

Will the Minister advise what process was followed, and what criteria were applied, for the selection of the Independent Advisory Panel established in relation to the Assisted Dying Citizen's Jury; and what connections, if any, do the members of the Panel have to his department?

## Answer

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An Independent Advisory Panel was established in November 2020 following input and advice from Involve, the public participation charity which is supporting the Government of Jersey with the planning and facilitation of the Jury sessions. Panel members were invited by the Minister for Health and Social Services to participate.

As noted in the Independent Panel's <u>Terms of Reference</u><sup>1</sup>, Panel members were selected from a variety of backgrounds and experience to provide an objective voice and to check and challenge the proposed process. Serving politicians were not eligible for membership of the Advisory Panel.

One Panel member, James Le Feuvre, worked in the Department of Health and Social Services between 1991 and 2011. He then took up the post of Executive Director of Mind Jersey from 2012-2020.

As Executive Director of Mind Jersey, he was one of four invited third-sector representatives that served on the Health and Community Services Board chaired by the Minister and established in 2019.

No other Panel members have declared connections to the department.

https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Caring%20and%20support/ID%20Assisted%20Dying%20Advisory%20Panel.pdf