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Dear Chairman

Changes to Health and Community Services Department

You may be aware that the Department for Health and Community Services is currently consulting on organisational changes to the Department. I have attached a copy of the consultation document for your information.

The Department states that it aims to “reduce our reliance on hospital-based care delivered during the working week and create new options for care closer to home”. p4

In a section titled, Building on our strengths, the consultation document states:

Our parish system and wider community assets – *As we look to reduce our reliance on hospital-based care and deliver more services closer to or in people’s homes, our parishes and community organisations give us a local infrastructure that would be the envy of most jurisdictions. It is fair to say that we have not used these assets as well as we could have in the past, but our local communities stand ready to play a strong role in supporting their residents to live healthy lives. p12*

In light of the reference to the Parishes, what engagement have you or the Comité had with the Department about delivering health services in the Parishes? Have you had any discussions with the Department about funding health services in the Parishes?

We would be grateful if you could provide us with a response by Wednesday 16 January 2019.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman

Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel