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Deputy Moz Scott,
Chair, EIA Panel

BY EMAIL

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Dear Chair

Re: Seasonal Workers and the Rural Economy

Thank you for your letter dated 18 August 2022 on Seasonal Workers and the Rural Economy.

I am pleased to inform the Panel that the Residents and Non-residents Charging Policy was updated on 22 August 2022 and the policy changes are effective from that date (see MD-HSS-2022-521). The amended policy is not sector specific and therefore would be applicable to all seasonal workers provided they are employed using a nine-month temporary work permit at the time of seeking treatment.

The updated policy will:

1. Remove the requirement for returning persons who are in possession of a 9-month work permit and who have completed the required 6-month qualification period to re-complete that 6-month qualification period before being eligible for access to non-emergency health care provided that person returns to Jersey to work within three years
2. reflect the Council of Ministers' decision to waive the existing policy regarding access to free healthcare for Ukrainian refugees; and
3. reflect the addition of Monkeypox to the Notifiable Diseases (Jersey) Order 1988 and provide a link to the Order and a statement expanding the policy to cover all diseases listed in that Order.

I trust the above is of use to the Panel and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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