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Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Health and Social Services

BY EMAIL

25th April 2024

Dear Minister,

Assisted Dying Review Panel: Questions on ‘Direct Participation’

Upon further review of [Assisted Dying Proposition P.18/2024](#) the Panel would be grateful if you could provide responses to the following questions by close of business Monday 29th April.

1. The Panel note that Paragraphs 94 to 96 of P.18/2024 set out some examples of when staff and service providers could refuse or could not refuse to directly participate in assisted dying. Please can you confirm whether additional work has been carried out to define these examples further?
 - a. If not, do you intend to carry out further work in this area?

2. The Panel note that the words “direct” and “directly” are not included within the Termination of Pregnancy (Jersey) Law (1997), nor the equivalent UK Abortion Act 1967. Please can you clarify why the words “direct” and “directly” have been specified in P.18/2024?

3. The Panel notes that P.18/2024 does not appear to specifically address whether limitations are being placed on rights under Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights. Please can you clarify whether you believe limitations are being placed on Article 9 rights in P.18/2024, and if so, whether these limitations are legitimate and proportionate?

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Louise Doublet
Chair
Assisted Dying Review Panel