

## Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Information received from the Department for Health and Community Services regarding Sandybrook Care Home and homes for people with complex needs, in reply to the Panel's letter to the Minister for Health and Social Services dated 28 November 2018.

13 December 2018

1. Your policy in relation to the continued provision of nursing and residential care by the States.

We are currently reviewing our care model and generating options for future service provision with regard to nursing and residential care with a view to bringing care closer to home – however, with the increasing demographic demand for care of the elderly we will need to do further detailed modelling to understand fully our capacity requirements in these areas which will drive future estate needs.

2. The implications for Sandybrook Care Home of the Regulation of Care (Jersey) Law 2014 which comes into effect in January 2019.

The implications are such that the nursing home will be required by law to comply with standards that are legally binding and regulated – if this is not achieved then the nursing home will not be able to meet legal obligations under the regulation of care law. The timescales for this are that Sandybrook would need to be registered under the new Law by June 2019 and be fit for purpose and meeting the new regulatory standards by January 2022.

3. Your estimate of the cost of the necessary works required at Sandybrook and associated timeframe to ensure it meets the standards set out in the Regulation of Care Law.

We are currently undertaking an options appraisal from which further detailed cost analysis will be undertaken on the options that will proceed to a full business case. The timescales are as described above.

4. Whether a Health and Safety audit has been carried out recently at Sandybrook (please provide a copy if so). We are checking on this.

4. Your policy in relation to the provision of homes for people with autism and other complex needs, following the decision not to proceed with homes planned for the Greenfields and Howard Davis Farm sites.

Our policy is to work with housing providers to secure tenancies with housing providers so that individuals are able to make their own choices and have control of their rights of home ownership/rental as do other citizens of Jersey. However there may, on occasion, be a need to provide a higher level of complex care which an ordinary housing provider cannot deliver for either estate or financial reasons and for which States support will be required.

5. How you intend to ensure that provision is made in the new Government Plan for your policy objectives in these areas. We are aspiring to enable people on the autistic spectrum and those with a learning disability to live as independently as possible and that at the very least they are supported in suitable, fit for purpose environments in response to their assessed needs. This will require an estates strategy which is currently being developed in the context of the new regulatory requirements. A project group has been established to take this forward.