

## **PFAS Newsletter, January 2025**

Dear Islanders,

Please find the latest update on the PFAS work by Public Health and the Scientific Advisory Panel. Previous newsletters, and information about the Panel and their work so far, is available at [gov.je/PFAS](https://gov.je/PFAS).

### **Report 2: An assessment of the impact of PFAS exposure on health**

The Scientific Advisory Panel finalised Report 2 at the end of last year. The Government has accepted all recommendations within this report. The finalised report was presented to Islanders in a meeting with Ministers in November 2024. Slides from this meeting are available online at [PFAS in Jersey](#) and minutes will be uploaded once finalised. The delivery of the recommendations within Report 2 is planned for 2025.

During the meeting Peter Bradley announced that a clinical review service will be offered to Islanders who had their blood tested by Public Health in 2022. The purpose of the service is for Islanders to discuss their health and be reviewed by a clinician with an understanding of PFAS and its health effects. Islanders were introduced to Dr Sofia Tosunidou who will lead the service, and is working with Public Health to develop the service. Two clinicians will be available with appointments available during the week and on Saturdays, at the Enid Quenault Health and Wellbeing Centre and Jersey General Hospital. As well as Dr Sofia, who is a Consultant Rheumatologist, a Consultant Haematologist will be available for consultation as part of this service. This service is on track to be operational by the end of March and we will write to this group of Islanders once the service is ready to accept appointments.

### **Report 3: Clinical interventions and blood testing and re-testing**

The Panel continue to work on Report 3. The final meeting for Report 3 will be held on 29 January online at 10am – 1pm. The Panel will be summarising the key evidence and discussing the recommendations they will present to Government for review. Public Health is awaiting the findings and recommendations in Report 3 to further consider the therapeutic phlebotomy service as recommended in Report 1, alongside less invasive, and potentially more effective options.

As always, the Panel's meeting will be held online; the agenda is available in advance and is sent alongside this newsletter, and the minutes will be uploaded once they have been approved at the following meeting. If you'd like to watch a live meeting or receive a recording, email [publichealth@gov.je](mailto:publichealth@gov.je).

Following the final meeting on Report 3, the Panel will be working on the report. The draft report – ready for Islander engagement – is expected by the end of March. The intention is to hold a meeting in public with the Panel in early April.

## **Future Meetings**

- The next online meeting of the Panel will be held on 29 January 2025, 10am – 1pm
- The details of the next face-to-face meeting for Islanders will be confirmed as soon as possible

Previous meeting minutes and future agendas are updated on the website as they become available at [gov.je/PFAS](https://gov.je/PFAS). To request a copy of the online meeting recordings, please email [publichealth@gov.je](mailto:publichealth@gov.je).

As always, if you have any questions, please email [publichealth@gov.je](mailto:publichealth@gov.je)

Best wishes,

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