

Ministerial Agreement - Proposed Budget 2025-2028 P.51-2024 fourteenth amendment. Jersey Cheshire Homes

Introduction

The Minister for Health & Social Services met with representatives of Jersey Cheshire Homes (JCH) and Deputy Gardiner on Wednesday 27th November 2024 to address the significant financial challenges in sustaining its essential services for disabled Islanders, identified in the [Proposed Budget \(Government Plan\) 2025-2028 P.51-2024 fourteenth amendment](#).

Following the meeting a public statement by JCH was approved by the Minister for Health & Social Services and Deputy Gardiner.

We are delighted to confirm that an agreement has been reached to secure funding for Jersey Cheshire Home, without affecting the Health and Community Services budget, to avoid affecting the Health and Community Services budget.

The Health Department fully recognises and supports the essential work we do in caring for individuals with highly complex medical conditions, many of whom require specialist care not available elsewhere in the island.

We welcome the commitment from the Health Minister to work closely with the Minister for Social Security to establish a long-term funding solution, with a target completion date of 30th June. This reflects the importance of sustainable support for our residents and their unique needs.

Both parties look forward to continuing this collaborative approach in the coming year. We would also like to thank Deputy Gardiner for her invaluable support in reaching this agreement.

The agreement reached by representatives of Jersey Cheshire Homes (JCH), Deputy Gardiner, the Minister for Health and Social Services was as follows:

Agreement for 2025 between the Minister for Health & Social Services & Jersey Cheshire Homes

- *With the full support of the Health Department, in January 2025, JCH agrees to submit an application for the required funds (£200,000, as requested in the Amendment) to the Jersey Community Foundation (JCF) when applications open. (It being noted that payment from the JCF Fund may not be received until April 2025 at the earliest).*
- *Throughout 2025, in my capacity as Minister for Health & Social Services, I commit to provide funds totalling £200,000 in 12 equal monthly instalments, from the Health & Care Services (HCS) budget, from January, whilst the application is considered.*
- *Whatever sum is achieved as a result of the above application and any additional income achieved through the Long Term Care (LTC) Fund (over and above the sums currently budgeted), at the end of 2025 (or before, if appropriate) JCH agrees to refund HCS all sums obtained from the JCF Fund and any additional unbudgeted funds from the LTC fund, up to the sum of*

£200,000, always accepting that (subject to the terms above) any shortfall from that sum is guaranteed by the Government.

- *For the avoidance of doubt, MHSS guarantees the entire sum of £200,000 (in monthly instalments) in the event that (subject to the above) no funding is forthcoming from the JCF Fund, and no additional money is forthcoming as a result of the LTC review.*
- *I have committed to working with the Minister for Social Security to address the long-term funding solutions, with a target date for completion of 30th June.*

Decision

The Minister decided to record the agreement made between the Minister and Jersey Cheshire Homes and instructs officers to take the necessary actions to implement this agreement.