

Independent Health and Social Care Review – Volunteers to Represent the Isle of Man Society

Dear all

I am writing to invite our Island's schools to consider teachers, students, parents, staff and anyone else who would like to be involved in the future of health and social care on our Island.

As you may be aware, Sir Jonathan Michael is undertaking an independent, fundamental [Review](#) of the current system with the objective to determine options to **fund and provide a modern, fit for purpose health and social care system**. The Review is being supported by myself and my Secretariat team on Island and by the expertise of external consultants.

Sir Jonathan has been meeting with those delivering and receiving care on the Island and we, as a population, are [invited](#) to provide our comments and suggestions on the current and future health and care system, primarily through an [online hub](#).

However, Sir Jonathan is also keen to utilise other forums, such as workshops and focus groups, to obtain an informed perspective of the current situation and future direction for the service and we need volunteers to take part in these sessions.

The workshops and focus groups will be taking two forms. One set will involve the consideration of specific questions and topics relating to the [Terms of Reference](#) for the Review by a mixed group of individuals – patients/lay persons, clinicians, managers, experts etc.

The second set will comprise a group of individuals that **represent a cross-section of the Isle of Man's society to provide a considered view of opinions** on a) the current system (what does and does not work) and b) what the future system may look like. This group will convene around September for an initial discussion to provide context and again during the course of the Review to discuss possible directions of travel. The purpose of the group will be to **help ensure that the Review's final report presents a practical and workable model for the future**.

It is primarily the second set that we are looking to schools to offer one or more representatives to join, although there would be the option to join the first set as a lay person if they so wished.

I hope that we will be able to identify **someone or a number of people who would like to help shape the findings of the review**, which are intended to positively affect all those receiving care on the Island for generations to come.

I would be very grateful if anyone interested in taking part, or anyone who would like to know more, could contact me directly or the Secretariat team on 650759 or by email to DHSCReview@gov.im.

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