

Media Release – Alderney Health & Social Care

The Scrutiny Management Committee is greatly concerned by the findings identified in the independent review of health and social care provision which has been undertaken in Alderney by the University of Aberdeen's Centre for Rural Health. The report clearly identifies a number of areas where the existing provision falls below an acceptable standard for health and social care services for the Island.

The Committee believe it is important that both the Committees for Health and Social Care and Policy and Resources accept the validity of the findings of this independent report (which they jointly commissioned with the States of Alderney) and commit to putting in place a political plan of action and the resources necessary to address the important issues raised as a matter of priority. The Committee is disappointed with their press statements on this matter which we believe adopt an inappropriately defensive tone.

The Scrutiny Management Committee will be closely monitoring the actions taken by both Health and Social Care and Policy and Resources to address the quality of health & social provision in Alderney.

The President of the Scrutiny Management Committee, Deputy Chris Green, said:

"The Committee is extremely concerned by the significant failings identified in the Independent Review of Health & Social Care Need, Provision and Governance in Alderney. These failings require urgent action and I can confirm that this Committee will consider all possible options to promote real progress being made in ensuring that the people of Alderney get the quality health & social care services they deserve."

* The Scrutiny Management Committee is disappointed that this report paid for by public money is not available on the official gov.gg website.

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