



## **MEDIA RELEASE – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

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### **Ambulance Service Review**

**In response to the release of the independent review of Guernsey's ambulance service, Dave Clark, the Chairman of the St John Ambulance & Rescue Service Board says:**

'We welcome the report from the Ambulance Service review. It is a comprehensive and constructive report which will require detailed consideration over the coming months.

'I am encouraged that the report contains statements such as "St John has provided for many years an experienced, reliable and well-respected service"; "has a committed and professional management team", and "operational staff who have an excellent reputation".

'The report also confirmed that over the last few years the current financial model has not covered the costs of the road ambulance service and needs to be revised.

'Over the past six months we have worked closely with the reviewers, Lightfoot Solutions, in analysing what and how the service delivers, and we recognise that changes will need to be made as we move forward in partnership with HSSD.

'Even before the report was finalised we have been working hard on many of the recommendations since its publication. The Service is also discussing further recommendations which are linked to HSSD's 2020 vision for the future of health care on the island.'

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**Note to Editors: HSSD have arranged a media briefing at 12.30 on Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> November at Corporate Headquarters at which representatives of St John will be present.**

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