

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

COMMITTEE *FOR* HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR AS RESPONSIBLE OFFICER UNDER THE
REGULATION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS (MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS) (GUERNSEY AND
ALDERNEY) ORDINANCE, 2015

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether, after consideration of the Policy Letter entitled 'Re-appointment of the Medical Director as Responsible Officer under the Regulation of Health Professions (Medical Practitioners) (Guernsey and Alderney) Ordinance, 2015,' dated 9th January, 2026 they are of the opinion:-

1. To re-appoint Dr Peter Rabey as Responsible Officer for Guernsey and Alderney under section 10(1) of The Regulation of Health Professions (Medical Practitioners) (Guernsey and Alderney) Ordinance, 2015, for both classes of medical practitioners for whom revalidation is required (being UK Connected Practitioners and Local Practitioners) – such appointment to take effect from 8th March 2026 for a period of 5 years, after the expiry of his current term of office.

The above Propositions have been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications in accordance with Rule 4(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees.

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The Presiding Officer
States of Guernsey
Royal Court House
St Peter Port

9th January, 2026

Dear Sir

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The statutory office of Responsible Officer (RO) was established under the Regulation of Health Professions (Medical Practitioners) (Guernsey and Alderney) Ordinance, 2015 ('the Ordinance') as part of a framework to regulate doctors in the Bailiwick. It is the role of the RO to oversee the regulation of doctors who practise locally, according to the revalidation standards set out by their professional regulator – the General Medical Council ('GMC').
- 1.2 The appointment to Responsible Officer (RO) is made by the States of Deliberation ('the States') on the recommendation of the Committee *for* Health & Social Care ('the Committee').
- 1.3 At its meeting on 29th October 2025, the Committee agreed to recommend to the States the reappointment of Dr Peter Rabey as RO, whose term expires on 7th March 2026. Dr Rabey is an experienced, senior doctor who practises medicine as a consultant anaesthetist and the Committee can confirm that he continues to satisfy the eligibility criteria for the office of RO as set out in section 10(6) of the Ordinance.

2 Functions of the Responsible Officer

- 2.1 The Ordinance requires a local register to be kept of those medical practitioners

who satisfy the provisions in section 1(1), namely, that they are fully registered with and have a licence to practice from the United Kingdom (UK) regulator of doctors, the GMC. To retain their registration and licence to practice medicine, the GMC requires all doctors to participate in medical revalidation which requires annual appraisals to demonstrate fitness to practice across the full scope of their role. Revalidation, the standards of which are set by the GMC, is overseen by the RO. If the standards are met, the RO makes a recommendation to the GMC as to re-issue that doctor's licence to practice medicine. Doctors appointed as ROs are similarly required to revalidate with the GMC, overseen by their own RO.

- 2.2 The RO is responsible for receiving, and, if necessary, appointing authorised persons to investigate, any concerns raised about a doctor, which, if upheld, may be managed informally or formally. Informal management typically relates to minor matters where the doctor can demonstrate insight and no risk to patients exists. Formal management may involve the RO placing conditions on that practitioner's local registration and/or referral to the GMC. In any case where a concern is raised in relation to a UK connected doctor (i.e. those visiting the islands to work), the RO liaises closely with that doctor's own UK RO.
- 2.3 Where there exists a conflict of interest or an appearance of bias in relation to the RO and another doctor, a second RO may be appointed by the Policy & Resources Committee (P&RC). As a member of Dr Rabey's family also practices medicine on the island, the P&RC has used powers conferred to it to appoint a second, Jersey-based RO to oversee the revalidation of this doctor.
- 2.4 The RO is required, through the Committee, to submit a written annual report to the States outlining the functions undertaken during that calendar year. The most recent report for the year 2024 can be accessed [here](#).

3 Nominating Dr Peter Rabey for re-appointment as Responsible Officer

- 3.1 Dr Peter Rabey has held the office of RO for both classes of medical practitioner since March 2016. His current term expires in March 2026 and the Committee agreed to recommend to the States his re-appointment at its meeting on 29th October 2025. As a practising consultant anaesthetist, Dr Rabey is an experienced, senior doctor who held various high level managerial roles in one of England's largest National Health Service Trusts prior to taking up his position as Medical Director in Guernsey. He was also the RO for some 850 consultant and associate specialist doctors. Dr Rabey has served the maximum term (eight years) as a Fitness to Practice Panel member of the GMC and the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service, gaining invaluable experience and insight into the handling of doctors whose fitness to practice is in doubt.
- 3.2 The Committee confirms Dr Rabey meets the legal criteria of appointment to RO set out in the Ordinance and wholeheartedly recommends his re-appointment

for a further five year term.

4 Compliance with Rule 4

- 4.1 Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees sets out the information which must be included in, or appended to, motions laid before the States.
- 4.2 In accordance with Rule 4(1) the Committee can confirm that the Proposition does not relate to a policy matter, but rather fulfils the Committee's duty under the aforementioned legislation. The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications, but no other consultation has taken place. There are no financial implications relating to the recommended re-appointment.
- 4.3 In accordance with Rule 4(2)(a), the Proposition relates to the duties of the Committee to provide high level care in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases, illnesses and conditions.
- 4.4 In accordance with Rule 4(2)(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees, it is confirmed that the propositions above have the unanimous support of the Committee.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Deputy de Sausmarez

**REQUEST UNDER RULE 4(3) OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATES OF
DELIBERATION AND THEIR COMMITTEES**

As part of the submission of its Policy Letter entitled “Re-appointment of the Medical Director as the Responsible Officer under the Health Professions (Medical Practitioners) (Guernsey and Alderney) Ordinance, 2015” the Committee *for* Health & Social Care (‘the Committee’) requests this item is considered at the meeting of the States of Deliberation on 25th February 2026. This request is made under Rule 4(3) of The Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees.

The Committee’s Policy Letter makes a recommendation to re-appoint the Medical Director to the statutory office of Responsible Officer (‘RO’). The RO’s current term expires on 7th March 2026, which underlies the Committee’s request.

Yours sincerely



Deputy George Oswald
President
Committee *for* Health & Social Care