

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
TO QUESTIONS POSED BY DEPUTY QUERPEL PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE**

- 1. We often hear it said within the States, that Deputies shouldn't get involved in the 'operational matters' of States departments, i.e. procedures and processes. So with that in mind, are you able to tell me your Committees' approach to that issue please?**

The Committee *for* Health & Social Care has a diverse mandate and is accountable to the States for the operational functions by way of legislation or Resolutions of the States as set out in Annex Two to the Mandates of the Committees of the States in the Blue Book. The Committee's approach is to provide oversight and assurance in respect of those operational functions whilst focusing on matters of policy.

- 2. Do members of your Committee get involved in the 'operational matters' of your department?**

Given the nature of the services offered by Health and Social Care, there are times when members of the public approach the Committee or individual Members about operational matters, and occasions where the Committee provides closer oversight to issues as they arise, for example, in the case of wider political or media interest.

While it is inappropriate for there to be close political involvement in day to day operational matters, particularly given the highly specialist and clinical nature of many of its services, to support the Committee in its assurance role, a suite of management reports are provided on a regular basis. This allows Members to monitor performance across the organisation and discuss key issues as necessary.

- 3. Do you/would you, and your Committee object, whenever/if ever, Deputies do/did try to get involved in the 'operational matters' of your Committee?**

No. The Committee recognises that health and social care is important to our community and there will be occasions where operational matters are brought to its attention by Deputies. It also acknowledges that individual States Members may raise concerns or seek information on other people's behalf.

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Date of response: 16th December 2024