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**To Our Friends of Friends**

**Bulletin 5:**  
**The Council of Ministers Continue to Close**  
**the Door on Our New Hospital Project**

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First of all, we would like to welcome you to our website which is now fully functional and where we have posted information on the Our New Hospital project. We've included all of our past Bulletins to our Friends, our media releases, our submissions to Government and most of the current Propositions and documents relating to the Hospital project. Our site is secure and open and you may access it through the following link: <https://www.ournewhospital.org.je/>

The Council of Ministers (COM) continue to close the door to debate and press on with their plans for the Hospital. Their direction of travel is of great concern to us. Here is a brief summary of the most recent developments:

1. Our Hospital Site Selection: Overdale Proposition P.123-2020. The Assembly is being asked by the COM on 17 November to agree to Overdale as the site for the Hospital and to approve the estimated £804 million budget for its construction. We have objected strongly to the Proposition citing the lack of a design brief to define what is to be built, the inadequacy of the budget information and, most importantly, the absence of any consideration of alternative sites. We are urging the Assembly to Refer the Proposition back and to provide comparative costs for building the Hospital at St Saviour's, Warwick Farm or Overdale. Experts advise us that the costs of construction at St Saviour's or Warwick Farm will be far less expensive and quicker than Overdale. Good democratic process requires choice. Please see our position paper to the public, States members and others <https://www.ournewhospital.org.je/overdale.html> along with our media release of 13 November: <https://www.ournewhospital.org.je/media.html#top>.
2. Our Hospital Site Selection: Overdale Proposition P.123-2020 – Amendment. The Future Hospital Review Scrutiny Panel submitted their Report on the COM's Hospital project. The report contains 28 Key Findings and 30 Recommendations and is highly critical of the site selection process. The Report concludes "Site selection criteria were largely subjective and not measurable." The Panel's amendment asks the Assembly to Refer p.123-2020 back until such time as a full Outline Business Case can be presented to the Assembly including details of future health care demand, the clinical brief, a design brief and the budget. We made seven submissions to the Panel during their review and we support the amendment. See our submissions: <https://www.ournewhospital.org.je/scrutiny-submissions.html#top>
3. Jersey Care Model: Proposition P.114-2020. We have been commenting on the JCM for a year now. To our surprise and disappointment, the Assembly approved the JCM at its sitting on 13 November with little debate or comment. The COM did agree to an Amendment to set up a non-executive board to review the delivery of the JCM. As yet the terms of reference and powers of the board have not been defined. The COM has wasted no time in asking the Assembly to raid the Health Insurance Fund for £11.3 million to pay for the start of the JCM. We

have been highly critical of the JCM: the business case is ill-defined, arrangements with GPs and existing community health care providers have not been proposed or agreed, there has been no peer review of the plan and it lacks successful parallels in the UK and other jurisdictions.

As always, we urge you to contact your States Assembly members and express your views on the Our New Hospital project. We welcome your correspondence, comments and suggestions at any time. We thank you for your continuing interest in Our New Hospital and our Island's healthcare. More to follow.

“Friends of Our New Hospital”

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