

REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TO A QUESTION POSED BY DEPUTY GAVIN ST PIER PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE.

- 1. Could the Committee please publish the number of licences granted each month for the importation of medicinal cannabis since this became permissible?**

Please see the table, below.

Month	Number of licences issued monthly	Total number of licences issued
Oct 2020	29	29
Nov 2020	45	74
Dec 2020	62	136
Jan 2021	118	254
Feb 2021	159	413
Mar 2021	250	663
Apr 2021	286	949
May 2021	283	1232
Jun 2021	464	1696
Jul 2021	475	2171
Aug 2021	472	2643
Sep 2021	535	3178

- 2. Could the Committee detail the resources required to process medicinal cannabis licences?**

Since October 2020, medicinal cannabis licences have been processed by a permanent member of staff (1 WTE) in addition to their established post, with the support of bank staff (2.5 WTE).

A business case was recently submitted to the Committee *for* Health & Social Care to establish a licencing team that mirrors the resource set out above.

Further to the 3.5 WTE members of staff, the Chief Pharmacist commits 10-20 hours per week as the authoriser of licences and to communicate with patients, UK clinics, the Home Office and Guernsey Border Agency, as necessary.

- 3. Could the Committee advise an estimate of the cost of processing each medicinal cannabis licence application?**

While applications vary in complexity, the average cost of processing each application is estimated at £55.