

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Constituted with effect from 1st May, 2004 by Resolution of the States of 31st October 2003 and 12th March 2008.

CONSTITUTION

A Minister, who shall be a sitting member of the States.

Four members, who shall be sitting members of the States.

Up to 2 non-voting members nominated by the Department who shall not be sitting members of the States.

MANDATE

- (a) To advise the States on matters relating to:
- The mental, physical and social well being of the people of Guernsey and Alderney;
- and to be responsible for: -
- (i) Promoting, protecting and improving personal, environmental and public health;
 - (ii) Preventing or diagnosing and treating illness, disease and disability;
 - (iii) Caring for the sick, old, infirm and those with disabilities;
 - (iv) Providing a range of social services to all age groups including ensuring the welfare and protection of children, young people and their families and ensuring that the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration.
- (b) To contribute to the achievement of strategic and corporate objectives, both departmentally and as part of the wider States organization, by:
- (i) developing and implementing policies and legislation, as approved by the States, for the provision of services in accordance with this mandate; and

- (ii) actively supporting and participating in cross-departmental working as part of the Government Business Plan process and ensuring that public resources are used to best advantage, through co-operative and flexible working practices.
- (c) To exercise the powers and duties conferred on it by extant legislation.
- (d) To exercise the powers and duties conferred on it by extant States resolutions, including all those resolutions, or parts of resolutions, which relate to matters for the time being within the mandate of the Health and Social Services Department and which conferred functions upon the former: -
 - Board of Health
 - Children Board
 - Public Assistance Authority.
- (e) To be accountable to the States for the management and safeguarding of public funds and other resources entrusted to the Department.