

Statement from the Minister for Health and Social Care to Tynwald – 15 October 2019

Mr President,

In May 2019, this Honourable Court unanimously accepted the package of recommendations included in Sir Jonathan Michael's Final Report following his Independent Review of the Isle of Man Health and Social Care System.

While Members have received regular updates from me and a public website has been created and maintained since that time, I stand before you today to offer an update on progress towards implementing that package of recommendations.

In accordance with Sir Jonathan's sixth recommendation, the Council of Ministers issued a mandate to the Department of Health and Social Care, the Treasury and the Cabinet Office to ensure implementation of that package of recommendations, led by the Chief Secretary.

In accordance with Sir Jonathan's final recommendation, a dedicated transformation team has been created and is expanding in order to plan, oversee and support the transformation programme.

This dedicated team is led by the recently appointed Health and Care Transformation Director, who brings extensive experience in service transformation across the NHS in England and Jersey and a collaborative and engaging approach.

The transformation team, in collaboration with suitable subject matter experts, has been undertaking extensive planning work in order to lay the foundations of this transformation programme.

The programme will be made up of 15 projects necessary in order to achieve Sir Jonathan's recommendations.

While a number of the projects will be long running and visible results may build up gradually or take a while to see, there are clear deliverables that the transformation programme is aiming to achieve.

Significantly, the arms' length body to deliver health and social care services outlined in Sir Jonathan's second recommendation is planned to be operational by 1 April 2021.

This will, of course, require primary legislation to establish the duties of that body and of the residual Department of Health and Social Care and I look forward to introducing and seeking Members' support for that legislation in due course.

Together, these projects will enable us to achieve the integrated, high quality and financially and clinically sustainable services that our population expect and deserve.

My Department is offering suitable support to the transformation team and both are working collaboratively to ensure that this programme can be achieved and that the Department can continue to provide day-to-day services and continue with ongoing service improvements for the people of the Isle of Man.

Honourable Members, we have a long way to go to deliver on Sir Jonathan's recommendations – but significant progress is being made through this planning phase,

which is completely necessary in order to prepare and enable the achievement of that aim, and a number of projects are now entering the implementation phase.

I am confident that the detailed planning and steady approach being adopted by the transformation team in collaboration with the Department of Health and Social Care and other key stakeholders will enable the Government to deliver on this programme.

Thank you, Honourable Members.