**Telecommunication support for those with a disability**

As part of the Disability Strategy, the Government has given funding to the Jersey Employment Trust to help vulnerable Islanders (those with a disability, including long-term health conditions) stay connected over the festive period and into the new year. This is in the form of a credit scheme (vouchers), applicable to pay-as-you-go contracts. The scheme has been agreed by the Island’s four telecom providers: JT, Airtel-Vodafone, Sure and Newtel Jersey.

There will be no restrictions on what the data should be used for, but examples can be: Video calls with support workers or virtual learning for work-based support. Having credit to be able to call support services, charitable organisations and parish and Government departments; or staying connected with friends and family where they cannot physically meet.

Data won’t be unlimited. However, it will be a significant amount. i.e. up to 100GB. The scheme will be available for a period of a month (with some scope to look at further support and assistance). The vouchers will not be transferable to others and the providers will only credit the specific individual’s mobile telephone number.

Inquiries should be made through a charity or government agency that knows them. The individual will need to state:

1. Their mobile telephone number
2. What provider they use (JT, Sure, Airtel/Vodafone and Homenet/Newtel)
3. Whether they are on ‘pay-as-you-go’.

A code or voucher number will be generated and be provided to the individual. These will differ, depending on the provider.