

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 30th MAY 2023  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th JUNE 2023**

**Question**

“With regards to the Spinal Cord Injury Pathway project detailed in the response to Written Question [461/2019](#), will the Minister provide details on what is currently available to support those with spinal cord injuries?”

**Answer**

Islanders with SCI injury currently have access to all acute, rehabilitation and community services on-Island. Islanders with spinal cord injuries will be assessed in the relevant clinical setting to determine their clinical needs and develop an appropriate treatment plan. Dependent on the clinical setting there will be a varied range of clinical health professionals involved in their assessment, care and treatment delivery, including doctors, nursing staff and a range of allied health professionals.

In addition, if eligible, they are able to access acute and ongoing support from Salisbury Spinal Cord Injuries Centre (either via an admission to their specialist centre, or via virtual follow-up clinics or the remote Outreach Team).

Individuals with SCI locally can also benefit from support from the Spinal Injuries Association (SIA), which is a UK (United Kingdom) National charity providing education and advocacy for those with SCI. The project team continue to collaborate with the SIA in an attempt to increase their representation locally, with recommendations including training of a local individual as an on-Island representative.

The spinal cord injury pathway project continues to build on the work commenced in 2019. Since the start of this year, three further stakeholder pathway mapping workshops have defined existing pathways and identified additional opportunities for service improvement. These are to be summarised as a series of recommendations to the project sponsor.