

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2018**

**Question**

In his plans for a new hospital and the redesign of community-based primary care, what consideration, if any, has the Minister given to setting up a crèche facility for the children of health service employees and, if there has been no such consideration, will he explain why?

**Answer**

The Minister has asked officers in Health and Community Services to look into the provision of childcare facilities for staff employed in the department. At present, staff are being invited to complete a survey about childcare and how it affects their working and family lives. In the meantime, discussions are ongoing with the Parish of St Helier on the availability of nursery places in facilities it runs. A formal crèche has not yet been part of the Future Hospital project and such an option would have to be evaluated alongside other possible initiatives.