

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE ASSISTANT CHIEF MINISTER  
BY CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN  
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2022**

**Question**

“Further to his speech during the debate on ‘Re-opening of Samarès Ward’ (P.115/2021) will the Assistant Chief Minister advise –

- (a) when the decision was taken to provide a dedicated rehabilitation facility in the new Hospital;
- (b) when the Our Hospital brief was changed to include provision of such a service;
- (c) how the decision to include this service was made and by whom (with a copy to be provided of the appropriate section of the Minutes of the meeting where the decision was taken);
- (d) whether the Minister for Health and Social Services was involved in the decision and, if so, to what extent;
- (e) the location of the dedicated rehabilitation facility within the proposed new Hospital;
- (f) the total size of the proposed new facility;
- (g) what compromises, if any, have had to be made to facilitate a dedicated rehabilitation facility; and
- (h) whether a dedicated rehabilitation facility was part of the original New Hospital brief?”

**Answer**

- (a) The plans for a dedicated rehabilitation facility at the new hospital were progressed once the States Assembly had made a final decision on the site. This occurred during the States debate on 17th November 2020 when Overdale was approved by States Members and was the point at which planning and design of the new hospital could begin with more certainty.
- (b) The Functional Brief continues to be developed in partnership with clinicians and has been informed by best practice in healthcare systems from around the world, including the National Stroke Strategy for England regarding the provision of rehabilitation facilities. The current brief includes a ward with the provision of up to 30 dedicated beds for acute rehabilitation with an adjacent gym and therapy services and facilities.
- (c) This decision was reached through the discussions that took place as part of the clinical user group sessions and in consultation with the Health and Community Services (HCS) executive. The Clinical user groups are set up as workshops and minutes are not taken. The outputs are captured as changes to the design plans.
- (d) The Minister has a regular verbal update from the Director General for HCS on all aspects of healthcare including progress on the Our Hospital Project. He also has input as a member of the Political Oversight Group on design development and all aspects of the Our Hospital project.
- (e) The dedicated acute rehabilitation facility will be located on one of the 4 wards on the third floor of the main building.
- (f) The size of the proposed new facility will be up to 3,000 square metres.
- (g) There are no compromises foreseen.
- (h) No, this was not in the first draft version of the Functional Brief as the original draft was produced in parallel with the site selection process. Once the States agreed the site, the design responded to the decision and subsequently has continued to evolve as part of the work output from the clinical user groups and the wide-ranging consultation with all stakeholders.