

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 27th JANUARY 2025
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2025**

Question

“Will the Minister advise whether any investigations have been undertaken by the Government into whether ‘conversion therapy’ aimed at LGBTQ+ people is currently offered by any private companies in Jersey, and will he further advise whether the Government has plans to legislate a ban on this practice, and if so, when does he intend to undertake this work, and if not, why not?”

Answer

Health and Care Jersey does not, and will not, commission or provide any services that would contain practices that could be described as conversion therapy. Furthermore, there is currently nothing that indicates that there are any conversion therapy providers operating in Jersey, this includes no evidence of services being advertised or promoted, and no known informal or formal reports of provision.

Whilst conversion therapy is banned in some jurisdictions, with some others considering the implications and limitations of introducing bans, the Council of Minister’s agreed legislation programme does not currently include the development of equivalent legislation in Jersey. This is because it has not been identified as a legislative priority given that there is no evidence of practice in Jersey, and the necessity to focus resources on other health and social policy related legislation. This is a decision that I would review, in discussion with other Ministers, in the event of evidence of provision.