

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 24th MARCH 2020**

Question

What steps, if any, has the Minister taken to bring under public control, or direction, all private sector health beds, equipment and (if deemed necessary) staff to assist with the current Coronavirus emergency; and what plans does he have to take such steps?

Answer

Given a state of emergency has not been declared, the Minister is not in a position to bring the elements listed under his control. However, HCS is working closely and successfully with partner agencies to secure additional beds and accommodation. HCS has identified a number of beds and is in the process of working with providers to secure additional accommodation. HCS, in partnership with CLS, is also working with the hospitality sector to identify capacity for vulnerable groups who may need to self-isolate, and for HCS staff. HCS is in regular contact with key partners including residential and nursing home providers, homecare providers and the Jersey Care Federation.