

**3.3 Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding a compensation scheme for healthcare workers affected by Covid-19 (OQ.123/2025):**

Will the Minister advise whether the Government has implemented, or intends to implement, a compensation scheme for healthcare workers who have been left with serious health issues or life-changing disabilities as a result of contracting COVID-19 in the course of their employment?

**Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour (The Minister for Health and Social Services):**

The Government has not and does not plan to implement a specific compensation scheme for healthcare workers who have been adversely affected by COVID-19 in the course of their employment. Having said that, Jersey does have a vaccine damage payment scheme which is operated by the NHS Business Service Authority. This provides a one-off tax-free payment for individuals who, based on medical evidence, are severely disabled as a direct result of receiving a vaccination. This would include COVID vaccinations. In addition, staff members who are permanently incapacitated and unable to work due to illness of this or any other sort can apply for ill-health retirement through the Government's Pension Fund and can also seek support through Occupational Health Services. I hope that answer is helpful.

**3.3.1 Deputy I. Gardiner:**

It is concerning. I would like to check with the Minister, does the Government acknowledge any responsibility to support healthcare workers whose health has been permanently affected as a result of their service during the COVID-19 crisis?

**Deputy T.J.A. Binet:**

It acknowledges responsibility to the extent that it was covered by the scheme that has been adopted from the U.K. (United Kingdom).