

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2023**

Question

“Following [Oral Question 215/2021](#), and in the light of the recruitment and retention difficulties currently experienced in the care sector, will the Minister indicate whether, in consultation with the Care Commissioner, she will prepare a report on the potential impact of the adoption of the terms and conditions contained in the Jersey Ethical Care Charter for Homecare, as agreed by the States through adoption of [P.48/2017](#) but never delivered by previous Ministers?”

Answer

This Government will undertake an exercise to review outstanding Propositions from previous States Assembly decisions, in liaison with the Privileges and Procedures Committee, to determine how best to progress them or return them to the Assembly.

With regard to the Ethical Care Charter specifically, the challenges associated with the recruitment and retention of care staff are clearly articulated in the Jersey Care Commission’s (JCC) November 2022 discussion paper ‘*Addressing challenges and risks in social care*’.

It is for this reason that my Ministerial Plan sets out my intention to work across the Council of Ministers to agree a whole island health and care workforce strategy. Work will commence in 2023.

In developing that strategy, I will, in consultation with providers and care users, give consideration to the standards set out in the Ethical Care Charter and the matter of whether it should be adopted in its current form.

My intention, however, is to develop a strategy that works across the whole health and care sector, unlike the Charter which only focuses on the home care sector.