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6 Deputy K.G. Pamplin of St. Saviour of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the work to be undertaken on Clinique Pinel: (OQ.254/2019)

Further to responses given by the Minister for Health and Social Services at the Assembly's last meeting about the work to be undertaken on Clinique Pinel, will the Minister advise what he will do, if anything, to ensure that the plans for this work are administered and progressed without delay?

Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour (The Minister for Infrastructure):

This is a complex project, bringing together 3 separate projects. The Deputy will be pleased to hear that work on site has started for the first of these projects with some essential upgrade and refurbishment that is required to Orchard House. This should be complete by the end of the year. The second and third projects relate to the works required to physically relocate the acute mental health facility at Orchard House to fit-for-purpose facilities at Clinique Pinel. To do this and to provide enough bed spaces in Clinique Pinel requires some existing patients to be relocated to Rosewood House. Accordingly, both Clinique Pinel and Rosewood House require some internal alterations and extension work to make them fit for purpose. The project has evolved from changing requirements and has over doubled in size. But scope has been finalised and agreed and it should be possible to submit planning applications for both projects next week. I will be liaising with officers on a regular basis to monitor this project's progress.

3.6.1 Deputy K.G. Pamplin:

I thank the Minister for his answers, there are some good and not so good, if I am being honest, but there are frustrations growing and I am quoting Hansard from the Minister for Health and Social Services last week: "I do not want this just to be a normal flow of letting a tender, then you create a tender document, then you have a meeting to decide who should be awarded the tender, and we have to wait for the contractor to start." You say next week. What more can be done to urgently move this? This is a matter of urgency.

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

The original timeframe to complete the entire relocation of Orchard House to Clinique Pinel was by the end of next year. However, the scope of this project has grown considerably since the completion of the original feasibility study in 2017. Indeed, the current plans were only formally signed off last month. To provide the desired 21 *en suite* anti-ligature bedrooms within Clinique Pinel, all to be located on the ground floor level, requires Beech Ward to be relocated to Rosewood House. This action now requires Rosewood House to be extended and altered to accommodate these additional patients. There was a late addition to the scope of work in July 2019 to include a place of safety within Clinique Pinel. This has now been included.