

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 10th MARCH 2025
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 17th MARCH 2025**

Question

“Further to the [Health & Community Services Annual Plan 2025](#), proposing a new ‘stand-alone’ health department, will the Minister advise –

- (a) the anticipated date that it will be established and implemented;
- (b) whether there will be a resultant new health charge and, if so, how will this charge be applied;
- (c) whether private sector funding will be required or will services be fully funded by the Government; and
- (d) what consideration, if any, has been given to the governance of such an independent body; and, if none, why not?”

Answer

The reference to a ‘stand-alone department’ in the Health and Community Services Annual Plan 2025 was not intended to imply that an independent health and care services organisation would be established outside of government. I was describing:

- a health and care department that included all of the Government of Jersey’s health and care functions, as opposed to some other those functions operating from other government departments (for example, the public health and digital health teams being part of Health and Care Jersey, as opposed to part of the Cabinet Office)
- the establishment of a Partnership Board which brings together government officials and charitable and private providers of health and care service.

I have no plans to establish an independent organisation outside of Government, hence questions (a) to (d) above are not relevant.