

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 16th JANUARY 2023  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 23rd JANUARY 2023**

**Question**

With reference to the availability of private care through some National Health Service (NHS) trusts such as the East Sussex Trust, used to reduce waiting lists on the Island; will the Minister outline what arrangements, if any, exist with such trusts to ensure that any profits go to NHS services and not to the private sector?

**Answer**

There are currently no specific arrangements in place to reduce HCS waiting lists through the availability of private care through some NHS Trusts.

We have arrangements with NHS Trusts to provide access to both emergency and planned care for islanders for treatment/s that cannot be provided by HCS. We do have contracts with private companies in the Mental Health sector which are negotiated annually and are at the same cost as the NHS would pay.

HCS does have 1 existing contractual arrangement for a speciality pathway that was not able to be contracted with UK (NHS Trust). This was subject to GOJ commercial procurement policy process to ensure the correct oversight regarding allocation of public resources

The NHS does not profit from commissioning through HCS if it is for services within a public sector arrangement. All contracts with NHS Trusts are at Tariff or above and is paid with the NHS.