

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE ASSISTANT CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2022**

Question

“Further to his answer to [Written Question 14/2022](#), will the Minister advise –

- (a) the date of the change to the specification of the new Hospital to include a 30-bed rehabilitation Ward on the 3rd floor;
- (b) the attendees at the Clinical User Group meeting that agreed the change in approach from no dedicated resource to having such a dedicated 30-bed rehabilitation Ward;
- (c) the attendees from Health and Community Services at, and the date of, the meeting at which the change in approach from no dedicated resource to having a 30-bed rehabilitation Ward was agreed; and

will he also provide copies of any log recording such a change in approach, from no dedicated resource to having a 30-bed rehabilitation Ward?”

Answer

- (a) The specification for the new hospital has not changed, in that there are 4 inpatient public wards, one of which is designated for rehabilitation with up to 30 beds available with a gym adjacent to the ward. There will be a flexible, patient and needs-centred approach to bed designation and, in addition, over the course of the hospital build it is envisaged that there will be changes in service delivery and medical practice so allocations will be finalised closer to the completion of the new hospital.
- (b) The attendees at the Ward Clinical User group did not change any approach. However, it was suggested that the patient day room be converted into a dining room / day room to help facilitate rehabilitation by enabling patients to walk out of bedrooms to a central space. These areas were therefore increased in size. This suggestion was made by an attendee at a user group and they also stated there was a requirement for a gym, which had already been provided for. There are two gyms on the same floor as the 4 public wards, accessible directly from each ward.
- (c) It is not appropriate to share three names of attendees of such groups. It is important not to stifle participation by staff, who are taking part on the understanding that their names are not publicly available. A wide range of staff are invited as representatives including doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and pharmacists.

The latest Ward User Group was held on 1st November 2021. Further sessions are scheduled for February and in the spring of 2022. Ongoing staff engagement and consultation will continue until the new hospital is commissioned and fully operational.