

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th MAY 2015**

Question

Will the Minister provide Members with full details of the current waiting times and any staffing problems being experienced in each clinical area of the Hospital?

Answer

Waiting Times

There is no formal waiting time target set in Jersey, however, we endeavour to try and keep waiting times as short as possible.

The information requested can be found on the States website by following the link below. The data is updated regularly.

http://www.gov.je/government/departments/healthsocialservices/factsfigures/pages/average_hospitalwaitingtimes.aspx

Staffing

In terms of staffing issues, in the last 12 months we have appointed:

2 Consultants in Acute Medicine and Respiratory

2 Consultants in Ophthalmology

5 Staff Grade/Associate Specialist level doctors in a variety of specialties

The period during the recruitment process would usually be covered by locum staff but can have an impact on the specialty waiting times.

Presently, there are no consultant vacancies within the Hospital. There has been some consultant level sickness which has reduced capacity in some specialties. This is now largely resolved.

Middle grade and Junior doctors vacancies are covered by locum appointments.

There are nursing vacancies in theatres but this has not currently reduced the operating time available.