## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY L.K.F. STEPHENSON OF ST. MARY, ST. OUEN AND ST. PETER QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2025 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 27th JANUARY 2025

## Question

"Further to the adoption of <u>P.20/2024</u> (In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) Funding), as amended, will the Minister provide an update on the introduction of the new IVF funding model, including, but not limited to –

- (a) when the first Islanders are expected to benefit from the revised model;
- (b) how the new model access arrangements are being communicated and advertised;
- (c) what arrangements have been made with clinics outside of Jersey to provide the services that cannot be delivered in the Island; and
- (d) with which clinics have such arrangements been made?"

## Answer

Answers are set out below:

a) The new criteria came into force on 1 January. All Assisted Reproduction Unit clients / potential clients who may benefit from IVF treatment are now being assessed under those criteria. The timeframe for provision of IVF treatments funded under the criteria is subject to the treatment requirements of individual clients.

The Minister for Health and Social Services has committed to continuous monitoring against the criteria with a view to reviewing update at the end of Q1 2025. At that point in time information about client numbers and treatment timeframes will be available.

- b) The funding information is available on www.gov.je to any person who is considering IVF and is provided to ARU clients / potential clients. Social media messaging is planned for end January 2025.
- c) Health and Care Jersey ("HCJ") has negotiated new, lower rates with two UK based IVF providers, potentially allow for around 90 HCJ funded IVF cycles per year, depending on the treatment requirements of individual clients.
- d) The two IVF clinics are Lister Fertility Clinic in London and the Bristol Centre for Reproductive Medicine.