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4 Connétable K. Shenton-Stone of St. Martin of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding Assisted Reproductive Unit: (OQ.191/2020)

Further to the response to Written Question 46/2020, will the Minister provide a date for the reopening of the Assisted Reproduction Unit; will he confirm that the same level of service that was available in December 2019 prior to the closure of the unit will be provided; and, if not, why not?

Deputy R.J. Renouf of St. Ouen (The Minister for Health and Social Services):

I can confirm that I and Health and Community Services are fully committed to reopening the Assisted Reproduction Unit after the temporary COVID closure and we have a target date to start services again from next Monday, 20th July. I confirm the unit will provide all previous services offered prior to COVID.

3.4.1 The Connétable of St. Martin:

I am relieved and delighted and I was mindful of the fact without keeping a very close eye on the service he may well have lost it. I am very interested to know, and I did hear at the 11th hour there was a meeting and the unit is going to be moved to Overdale. How is it feasible to set up a unit in a week? I am very happy if they can do that but I just wondered about the feasibility of it.

The Deputy of St. Ouen:

I have not been made aware of exactly where the service will be provided. Perhaps I do not need to but there has been a lot of reconfiguration within the hospital building due to COVID. This may be a temporary position, if it is to happen at all. The important thing is that the service is restarting after the COVID disruption and it is offering all the services it did previously.