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5 Senator K.L. Moore of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding spinal cord injury patients (OQ.16//2022)

Will the Minister advise the Assembly how many spinal cord injury patients there are in the Island, whether they have to travel off-Island to see a specialist and, if so, why?

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

The total number of identified spinal cord injury patients is 27. They all have a range of levels of injury. Due to the small number of patients and the need for highly specialist input in the acute phase, and for patients who require ongoing invasive ventilation, these patients are supported off-Island in the specialist unit? Once patients are stabilised from the acute phase of injury they are returned to Jersey where their rehabilitation needs are met on-Island. Patients with a spinal cord injury work with our team of health professionals and have a tailored rehabilitation programme to continue their recovery and maximise their independence and abilities.

3.5.1 Senator K.L. Moore:

For ongoing treatment that is often necessary after the rehabilitation process what consideration has the Minister given to bringing over specialist support for those patients rather than necessitating their journey to the United Kingdom for ongoing checks and treatment given the mobility issues?

The Deputy of St. Ouen:

We are planning this year to introduce an annual review with a specialist consultant from outside the Island, for one of those specialist units in the U.K. (United Kingdom), and that review could either take place by the specialist coming to the Island or virtually, so that will be worked through over this coming year.