

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2020**

**Question**

Will the Minister provide an update on progress to introduce a Maternity Voices Partnership, including –

- (a) details of any terms of reference that have been put in place;
- (b) confirmation of how members of the public may engage with this group;
- (c) dates of any meetings already held; and

if there has been no progress on any such actions, will the Minister state why not?

**Answer**

- a) A draft terms of reference is being worked up which will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Jersey Maternity Voices Partnership (MVP).
- b) The next meeting of the Partnership will involve the core group of 11 women who attended the inaugural meeting. The intention is that they will confirm the terms of reference and the vision and goals of the MVP. Thereafter, once the MVP is formally established, all women accessing maternity services will be made aware of the group and invited to attend its meetings and input to the Partnership.
- c) The launch of the MVP in February 2020 was attended by 11 service users. They had responded to a social media post on the government of Jersey Facebook page inviting expressions of interest. There was good discussion and excellent feedback. There was general support for the idea that a MVP would provide a centralised, robust support mechanism for ongoing feedback and service improvement.

The planned quarterly meetings have had to be postponed due to Covid-19, but attention is now turning to setting up a meeting to build on the enthusiasm and interest shown at the inaugural event earlier this year.