WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY K.G. PAMPLIN OF ST. SAVIOUR ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th JUNE 2019

Question

Will the Minister state -

- (a) the date on which the 18-month estates plan for Orchard House and the in-patient mental health unit was officially signed off and agreed;
- (b) when this work on the adjustment of Orchard House started; and
- (c) when the work is due to be completed, given the next transfer of in-patients will begin later this year?

Answer

- a) Officers presented a revised scheme to the Health and Community Services Management Executive and to the Mental Health Improvement Board in March 2019 detailing the required scope of works across the trio of properties at the St Savour site (Orchard House, Clinique Pinel and Rosewood House). The plans were agreed and accepted at this stage. In mid-May, funds were allocated to fund the statutory planning requirements and start the detailed design for the project.
- b) There have been ongoing remedial works by the Estates team at Orchard House from the date of issue of the Improvement Notice in April 2018. This has involved, for example, improving pedestrian walkways, enhancing the lighting and signage, replacing the staff alarm system and staff working with patients on improving the garden area to create a more pleasant outside environment. A plan has also been produced which identifies c£600k of improvements, including doors, windows, wifi and CCTV. This requires a detailed phased delivery plan due to the operational use of the facility; this is currently being worked on.
- c) The remedial work on Orchard House is due to be completed by the end of this year; the relocation to Clinique Pinel is due to be completed by the end of 2020, although it is possible that some patients will move to the new facility before that date as the Clinique Pinel refurbishment progresses.