

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23RD MAY 2017**

Question

Will the Minister inform members whether the report ‘Mental Health Quality Report 2017’ was produced internally and state to what extent, if any, advice was sought from either the Statistics Unit or other external advisors on the neutrality of the questions and on the interpretation of the results of the survey on which the report was based?

Answer

The Mental Health Strategy (2015) gave a commitment to producing better information about the quality and performance of the mental health system. In particular, there was a commitment to produce a Quality Report. Following a national procurement process, a team of external providers led by Dr Richard Ford from Mental Health Strategies (www.mentalhealthstrategies.co.uk), which has worked widely on policy development and service transformation in the NHS, was commissioned to help produce the report.

A local project group was set up to manage the piece of work. Members of the project group in addition to the expert provider included Directors from Community Social Services, Head of Informatics from Health & Social Services, Executive Director MIND Jersey, Chief Nurse, the Deputy Director Commissioning, and with input from the Public Health Intelligence Unit (now part of the Statistics Unit).

The Project Board agreed the process used to develop the Quality Report, which included a literature search for best practice and a series of three workshops which were used to identify a locally owned framework of indicators and measures based on what was felt to be most meaningful locally. Attendees at the workshops included people from across government departments – including the Statistics Unit - as well as representatives from General Practice, Community Voluntary Sector and people with lived experience. The names of people who attended the workshops are included in the back of the Quality Report including which organisation they represented.

A draft framework of indicators and measures was consulted on, via workshop delegates, during December 2016 and a revised framework was then signed off by the project board in early 2017. The narrative contained within the Quality Report was drafted by the Mental Health Strategies team with guidance and editorial input from the Project Board.

The report contains data sources from across Government and also Community Voluntary Sector. This allows the report to give a system-wide view that to date has not existed in one document.

The final draft of the Quality Report was presented to the Children and Vulnerable Adults group for discussion and support ahead of publication on May 15th 2017.