

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd JULY 2013**

**Question**

When was the current 'end of life' care strategy introduced within the Health and Social Services Department and what is it?

**Answer**

HSSD is working in partnership with a range of stakeholders including FNHC, GPs and Hospice, to develop and agree an island-wide strategy for end of life care, as part of the White Paper key workstreams.

Based on local evidence and best practice from elsewhere, the strategy will focus on care and treatment in the last year of a patient's life, concentrating on strengthening the arrangements for end of life care, in areas including those provided by HSSD under the direction of the Palliative Care Team based at the General Hospital.

Through the joint work on the development of guidelines, education and training, and working with stakeholders, a key part of the strategy will be to support choice for patients in relation to decisions about how their care is managed, and where they are cared for.

This joint approach to strategy, in relation to end of life care, supports all care providers to ensure that the needs of patients, at the end of their lives, are met, and that the memory of good and caring management of their death is the legacy for family and friends, after the loss of a loved one.