

Submission – New Healthcare Facilities Programme Review – Bruno De Franca

I feel that no matter how much health professionals are against a multi-site approach to the new health facilities, the government will do whatever they want. It is an “open forum” but I feel that it isn't.

We currently struggle to recruit and retain qualified staff for one “site” (the Jersey General Hospital) and they want a multi-site approach?

How?

How many more managers will be needed? What about maintenance works? What about security? what about staff training and multi-disciplinary approach? What about car parking? I am sure government have answers to all this however those are not answers staff want to hear. What about the carbon footprint of vans and ambulances back and forward to different sites? What about catering and food provision (which is already appalling for staff (price) and patients (quality))?

We have spent over £100 million in failed projects. The multi-site approach is a desperation to deliver “something” that previous governments categorically failed to deliver.

I am sorry for being negative and there is not much constructive feedback here. By the way what is that empty field being planned for at the back of the hospital by the engineering department? Maybe more flats for the lobbyists that are destroying Jersey housing market. honestly... why can't we start building an acute site there?

This is my sincere opinion of someone living in the Channel Islands for the past 12 years, seeing consecutive governments failing to deliver essential services to the Islanders. This is also someone who invested in Jersey, has his own house while raising a family. The multi-site approach is wrong.