Dear members,

Public opinion on the cutting of nursery places has been made clear from the comments in social media, my own included. I feel one angle that has not been considered is the recruitment issue at the general hospital. In the JEP recently it was highlighted as a massive concern, and SOJ are looking at ways to attract staff to the island. If you are a young family considering moving here, and you get 30 free hours of NEF in the UK compared to none in Jersey this could well be a deal breaker. Salaries for nurses would just put them over the threshold. This action is shockingly short sighted in my opinion.