



Deputy Tom Binet
Minister for Health and Social Services

BY EMAIL

12th August 2025

Dear Minister,

I am writing in response to your recent statement outlining your intention to seek States Assembly approval later this year for a major increase in funding for the health service, specifically in the areas of baseline funding for Health and Care Jersey, preventative healthcare, and digital development.

While the Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel welcome the commitment to investing in our health system, I would be grateful if you could provide clarity on several points raised in your statement, so that islanders can better understand the scope and implications of the proposals.

We would appreciate your response to the following queries:

Please confirm your definition of “***routine elective procedures***” as referred to in your statement.

Please explain what is meant by “***treatments that may be of limited clinical value or may not represent best use of the funds available***” and how this determination will be made.

Please provide the **current average and longest waiting times** for the following procedures:

- Hip replacement
- Cataract surgery
- Diagnostic procedures such as endoscopy
- Joint replacement
- Kidney stone removal
- Mole removal
- Carpal tunnel release
- Tonsillectomy
- Ear tube surgery
- Cleft lip repair

Policies on elective access

Does HCJ have a policy equivalent to the NHS National Elective Access Policy <https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/national-elective-access-policy/> if so, please provide a copy, if not, please confirm whether such a policy is planned?

Waiting list breakdown by inequality indicators

Will you commit to publishing a breakdown of waiting lists along similar lines to the recent NHS England approach: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2025/07/nhs-publishes-waiting-list-breakdowns-to-tackle-health-inequalities/>

If this information cannot be provided in your response to this letter, please confirm the date by which it will be made publicly available?



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Given the significance of the changes under consideration, transparency on these matters is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring that any increase in funding delivers tangible benefits for islanders.

The Panel would be grateful if you could provide your response in writing by Tuesday 26th August after which we may request a public hearing or further briefings on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Louise Doublet
Chair, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel