

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 20th JUNE 2011**

Question

Would the Minister provide a breakdown of the number of residents in sheltered accommodation provided by the Health and Social Services detailing the number and cost at each location?

Would the Minister advise whether some patients are utilising hospital beds because there are not currently enough places elsewhere, and if so, how many and what effect is that having on waiting lists for the hospital patients for surgery etc?

Answer

Sheltered accommodation is usually taken to mean housing that is purpose built or converted for use by particular groups of people, usually older people or those with special needs. The accommodation will include a range of measures, for example wardens, community facilities, lifts and other special adaptation which support people to live independently.

HSSD does not provide sheltered accommodation. It is provided by the Housing Department, the Parishes, Third Sector organisations and private companies. HSSD does, through service level agreements or via direct purchasing of services, contribute financially to some Third Sector provision including Les Amis, Roseneath and Shelter.

The lack of capacity in the Island's nursing and residential care sector can, and does, create delays in hospital discharge because the patient is not deemed sufficiently well enough to look after themselves independently at home. This is not generally the case for sheltered accommodation, because individuals are well enough to live independently and do not require an extended hospital stay.

The numbers of delayed discharges due to lack of nursing home capacity varies on a daily basis but currently includes six individuals waiting a suitable placement.