

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

**Question**

Given that it is important for recruitment that doctors and nurses coming to work in Jersey do not need to retrain to be able to return to the UK should they wish to do so, is the regulatory framework that Jersey has put in place to guarantee professional standards for doctors and nurses consistent with the UK performers list?

**Answer**

The UK Performers List does not apply to nursing. However, all nurses working in Jersey must be registered with the UK Nursing and Midwifery Council.

The regulatory framework for doctors in Jersey relies on doctors having a licence to practise with the General Medical Council. The standards are identical to those for any other doctor registered with the GMC and are the basis for assuring the standard and the quality of care that a doctor provides.

The Performers List applies only to doctors who are working as general practitioners (GPs). It is a list of doctors with the qualifications and experience to provide general practice services to patients.

The criteria for entrance to, and maintenance on, the Performers Lists have been very similar in each of the countries in the United Kingdom, as well as in Jersey.

However, the policy that supports the English Performers List was changed in April 2015 and NHS England has since required general practitioners to sit an examination before being able to practise as a GP in England.

This entry requirement applies only to the English Performers List. However the same requirements apply to any GP wishing to practise as a GP in England, whether they come from Jersey or, for example, from Scotland or Wales.

The Primary Care Governance Team in Jersey has been working closely with NHS England since the examination was introduced and a more appropriate route for experienced GPs to join the English Performers List is now under consideration and is expected to be introduced in the near future.

The regulatory framework in Jersey is therefore entirely consistent with other parts of the British Isles.