

**2.11 Deputy A.E. Jeune of St. Brelade of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding age-related policy considerations in relation to accessing treatments:**

Would the Minister advise whether treatments, whether medical or surgical, available to patients have age-related policy considerations, over-riding health need considerations and, if so, state which treatments such policy considerations apply?  
Thank you, Sir.

**The Deputy of Trinity (The Minister for Health and Social Services):**

I can assure Members and the public that there are no policies which stipulate age as a limiting factor for consideration for either medical or surgical treatments. Unfortunately, age brings with it its own other illnesses and co-morbidities that increase the risk of carrying out some treatments. It is these risks that are considered by our clinicians when deciding to treat or not. In every case the risk benefit is a determining factor when deciding to treat and not age.

**Deputy A.E. Jeune:**

I thank the Minister for her reply. Thank you, Sir.