

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL
SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 19th JANUARY 2010**

Question

1. For each medical discipline/specialism (for example: cardiology, neurology, orthopaedics etc) would the Minister advise the Assembly of the following information:
 - a. the number of consultants employed on a full time and part time basis in each area
 - b. (i) the number of non-private health insurance people on waiting lists to see a consultant in each of these areas; and
(ii) the average time they are waiting to see the consultant
 - c. (i) the number of private health insurance people on waiting lists to see a consultant in each of these areas; and
(ii) the average time they are waiting to see the consultant.
2. The total number of operations carried out in each discipline at the hospital during the last five years, starting on 1st January 2005 ending on 31st December 2009 stating:
 - a. the number of private and non-private operations carried out in each discipline for each year;
 - b. the cost of performing these operations in each area for each year for non-private health insurance patients and private health insurance patients.
3. The number, disciplines and costs of locums and agency nursing staff employed by the hospital for each of the five years starting on 1st January 2005 ending on 31st December 2009.

Answer

For the purpose of clarity this question is answered in accordance with the subsections as identified. The research required to achieve the level of detail given in this response was significant and challenging in relation to the time period available. (See next page)

1 a – Chart 1 shows the number of consultants in each speciality area.

Chart 1

Speciality	Consultants:- number full time	Consultants :- Part time	Visiting consultants part time from UK	Locum Consultants Full time	Locum Consultants Part time
A+E	3				
Anaesthetics	6				
Community Dental		1			
Oral Surgery	1				
Orthodontics		1	1		
ENT	2				
General Surgery and Urology	3				
Trauma and Orthopaedics	3		4		
General Medicine all specialities	8				1
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	3			1	
Ophthalmology	2				
Paediatrics	3		7		
Pathology	4				
Psychiatry	4			2	
Radiology	4		1	1	
Rheumatology			1		
Oncology		1	1		
Plastic Surgery			1		
Vascular Surgery			1		
Cardiac Surgery			1		
TOTAL	46	3	18	4	1

For 1b (i) and (ii) see Chart 2 which shows the total number of patients waiting to be seen for public consultation in out-patient clinics as at the 3rd January 2010 and also the average waiting times for that speciality in weeks waiting.

The waiting times are calculated from the date of receipt of the referral at the hospital. Clinically urgent patients, as determined by the receiving consultant, are fast tracked through the system. (See next page)

Chart 2

Speciality	Numbers on waiting list as at 3rd January 2010	Average waiting time in weeks
Anaesthetics	6	6
Breast Surgery	8	2
General Surgery	344	18
Plastic Surgery	9	7
Urology	178	22
Orthopaedics	376	11
Paediatric		
Orthopaedics	6	2
Sports Injury	173	28
ENT	164	4
Ophthalmology	397	27
Pain	236	17
Back Pain	60	2
Gynaecology	155	9
Infertility	73	20
Well Woman	12	2
Community		
Contraceptive Clinic	6	1
Ante-natal	121	0
Oral Surgery	147	5
Orthodontics	146	12
Community Dental	83	10
Diabetes	168	23
General Medicine	24	4
Bariatric	105	156+
Endocrinology	11	4
Nephrology	26	12
Gastroenterology	205	48
Medical Micro-		
Biology	13	6
Neurology	269	31
Cardiology	121	7
Respiratory Medicine	57	21
Dermatology	535	34
Rheumatology	5	1
Clinical Haematology	23	11
Paediatrics	123	14
Clinical Oncology	7	4
Medical Oncology	3	2
Geriatric Medicine	6	2
Adult Mental Illness	2	3
Old Age Psychiatry	10	2

1 c (i) and (ii) Health and Social Services do not manage the lists of private patients waiting to see consultants as out-patients. These patients are seen in consultants' own private rooms from where the lists are managed

For Question 2 a, please refer to **Chart 3** below. This shows activity relating to the number of public and private operations by speciality. It should be noted that a proportion of the private work is undertaken in dedicated private lists on Saturdays. Furthermore the number of operations performed is not directly comparable between columns i.e. some are short procedures whilst some are much longer and this chart cannot, therefore, be used for direct analysis purposes as it only represents patient numbers.

2 b The level of detail required to answer this sub section is not currently available, it would take approximately 5 months to develop this information. Our current practise is to use the UK Health Resource Group tariffs with uplift for Jersey, when this is required for individual patient costs. We plan to develop this area further after the implementation of the new IT system which goes live late 2010. (See next page)

Chart 3 :- Analysis of operations taken place in Endoscopy and Main and Day surgery theatres 2005-2009

Speciality	2005			2006			2007			2008			2009		
	Private	Public	Total	Private	Public	Total	Private	Public	Total	Private	Public	Total	Private	Public	Total
Anaesthetics	5	19	24	1	14	15	3	11	14	7	10	17	2	6	18
General Surgery	511	1113	1624	556	1102	1658	552	1370	1922	533	1478	2011	513	1340	1853
Plastic Surgery	34	25	59	45	22	67	47	26	73	59	26	85	69	28	97
Urology	18	522	540	12	577	589	15	546	561	12	661	673	15	638	653
Trauma and Orthopaedics	721	2400	3111	664	2287	2951	547	2353	2900	635	2389	3024	687	2074	2761
ENT	322	664	986	320	625	945	305	677	982	364	665	1029	305	694	999
Ophthalmology	230	688	918	244	566	810	221	659	880	263	938	1201	271	1039	1310
Pain	248	367	615	248	460	708	253	468	721	259	483	742	293	550	843
Gynaecology	433	1074	1507	398	1070	1468	390	1032	1422	365	1080	1445	396	1065	1461
Obstetrics	2	242	244	0	272	272	0	341	341	1	364	365	3	324	327
Oral Surgery	195	738	933	171	632	803	153	491	644	161	560	721	169	532	701
Community Dental	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	195	195	0	236	236	0	179	179
Nephrology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	12	12	0	21	21
Cardiology	11	86	97	4	66	70	10	76	86	8	58	66	21	80	101
Gastro-Enterology and Endoscopy	606	1610	2216	587	1632	2219	583	1686	2269	565	1445	2010	550	1782	2332
Respiratory	15	76	91	16	74	90	8	69	77	10	82	92	11	73	84
Paediatric Medicine	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	4	4	0	2	2	0	0	0
Psychiatry	0	53	53	0	8	8	0	30	30	0	18	18	0	6	6

In response to Question 3: **Agency Nursing**

In 2009 a total of 64 Registered Nurse Agency staff were used.

The table below provides data on the number of shifts covered by Registered Nurse Agency staff.

Shifts covered lasted between 5hrs (minimum day shift) and 12 hours (maximum night shift).

A total of 34 Registered Nurse Agency staff were paid at a UK Band 6 pay rate (approx Jersey Grade 5)

A total of 30 were paid at a UK Band 5 pay rate (approx Jersey Grade 4)

The HSSD finance department calculation on Registered Nurse Agency cost for 1st Jan – 30th Sept 2009 was £560,788 providing a projected full year cost of £747,717.

The year on year spend for Registered Nurses, Health Care Assistant prior to 2009 was calculated as part of a total annual Agency, Bank and Overtime spend of approx £3.3 million.

Table 1. Agency Nursing Staff shifts covered

	UK Agency Registered Nurse (RN)	UK Agency Operating Dept Practitioner (ODP)	Local Agency Health Care Assistant (HCA)
Year	Total no of shifts/days	Total no of shifts/days	Total no of shifts/days
2005	Accurate data not available	Accurate data not available	Accurate data not available
2006	65 – approx 23.3 days	0	6 approx 2 days
2007	63 - approx 22 days	0	11 approx 3.6 days
2008	116 approx 38.6 days	8 approx 2.6	26 approx 8.6 days
2009	290 approx 96.6 days	35 approx 11.6 days	24 approx 8 days

The increase number of Registered Nurse Agency used in 2009 reflect year long vacancy factor in areas such as Theatres, Critical Care, Older People Mental Health and mirrors UK trends of market competition due to global shortages.

Increasing number of Specialist Registered Nurse Agency staff were also required to back fill to release HSSD staff to up skill to support clinical areas such as Paediatrics and Critical Care in relation to the contingency planning for Pandemic Flu.

Locum doctors

The information relating to locum doctors is not readily available in the format requested. It is currently being compiled and will follow once it is available.