

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 29th JANUARY 2013**

Question

What is the total capacity of Orchard House?

Of the current occupants, what is the length of time each occupant has been detained?

What is the longest period for which occupants have been detained?

Answer

The current capacity of Orchard House is 15 beds.

As of 22nd January 2013 there are 6 patients in Orchard House. Their length of stay to date is:

Patient	Length of stay in days
1	17
2	72
3	15
4	16
5	112
6	102

The longest period of detention is not a simple concept. A person can be detained in hospital under Article 6 of the Mental Health (Jersey) Law 1969 for observation, Article 7 for treatment, or Article 10 for an emergency placement. In addition, an Article 20 can also be applied, allowing a person to return home for a leave of absence whilst still remaining under Article 6, 7 or 10, and hence therefore, still under detention.

An Article 20 can apply for up to 6 months, hence a person detained under Article 6, 7 or 10 could, under Article 20, have spent a significant part of the 12 month period at home as opposed to being in Orchard House.

Of the 6 people currently in Orchard House, the longest period of stay has been 112 days, but included in these 112 days have been extended periods of home leave.

The longest period of detention in 2012 was 91 days, without home leave.