

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 9th APRIL 2018**

Question

Further to the response to Written Question 10(2017) and the review commissioned in respect of primary health care services, will the Minister set out his policy with regard to primary care in the Island; and will he give details of the meetings (including dates, times, agendas and participants) he has had with representatives of the primary care sector over the last 12 months and of any disagreements he has had with such representatives with regard to policy and provision in this area?

Answer

The review into funding of Primary Care being undertaken by Deloitte and Imperial College is nearing completion.

The response to Written Question 10 (2017) provided information regarding the scope of the review.

The policy regarding Primary Care is being developed in line with the Primary Care Strategy, which was launched in December 2015. This included the following priorities:

- Patients – including developing population needs assessment
- Payment – including retaining co-payment, assessing different payment systems, exploring a pharmacy contract and running pilots
- Partnership – including leadership, multidisciplinary working and a Clinical Forum
- People – including a workforce strategy and increasing training opportunities
- Processes – including expanding governance and developing integrated IT

The outcomes of the review will be consolidated during 2018, and a delivery plan will be produced later in the year.

The development of Sustainable Primary Care policies is being co-produced with representatives from GP, Pharmacy and Community Nursing. This includes frequent meetings and the involvement of representatives in workshops as potential solutions are developed. The Minister has not met separately with representatives of the primary care sector over the last 12 months, and has not had any disagreements with such representatives with regard to policy and provision in this area.