

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 26th MARCH 2019**

Question

Further to the response to Written Question 129/2019, will the Minister undertake to consult on making provision within the maternity facilities of the new General Hospital for the other parent to stay overnight with the mother and baby?

Answer

The Minister can confirm that consultation will take place on making provision within the maternity facilities of the new General Hospital for the other parent to stay overnight.

Work has already begun to develop a 'Maternity Voices Partnership'. This partnership will be a working group that includes women and their families, midwives and doctors working together to review and contribute to the development of maternity care on the island. This group will be fundamental to the development of the maternity unit within the new General Hospital. It will pay particular attention to the environment that promotes and recognises the importance of parent-child bonding and how this is best achieved whilst maintaining both safeguarding principles and the privacy of all service users.