

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd JULY 2019**

Question

Further to the response to Written Question 203/2019, will the Minister provide an update on staff recruitment to Jersey Talking Therapies, including a breakdown of filled and unfilled posts, and will he also advise on the current plans for restructuring and relocation of the service?

Answer

The staffing establishment for Jersey Talking Therapies (JTT) includes:

4 x FTE Psychological Well-being Practitioners
9 x FTE Psychological Therapists
1 x FTE Administrator

The staffing establishment is also complemented by 2 x FTE counsellors.

Currently there is one Psychological Therapist vacancy and one Psychological Well-being Practitioner vacancy. Shortlisting for the post of Psychological Therapist is scheduled for early July with interviews to be held in early August. The closing date for applications for the post of Psychological Well-being Practitioner is in mid-July. Shortlisting and interviewing will follow after the closing date.

JTT delivers its services from two main bases – both are not fit for purpose. It has been recognised for several years that JTT and PATS (Psychology and Therapy Service) – which delivers some of the services – should be co-located together. A business case for the necessary development for JTT and PATS, along with Alcohol & Drug Services, to jointly share therapeutic and office accommodation is being considered by Health and Community Services. This development would enable a safe, integrated, fit for purpose whole-system prevention-focused service that would meet the needs of the Jersey community.

A rapid improvement workshop for JTT was carried out in June 2018. A review of last year's outcomes following the workshop will be implemented following the launch of the Target Operating Model for Health and Community Services. JTT staff will be fully engaged in this review.