

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th JULY 2019**

Question

Will the Minister state what measures, if any, she has under consideration to bring down the cost to the public of G.P. consultations under the Government Plan (or otherwise); what work, if any, is being undertaken in relation to this matter with the Minister for Health and Social Services and his Department; and to what timescale is any such work being undertaken?

Answer

The Council of Ministers has identified health care as a key priority for this government, reflected in the Common Strategic Policy ambition to 'Improve Islanders wellbeing and mental and physical health'. The Council of Ministers has committed to actively engage with GPs to develop and test new models of health care delivery.

As confirmed in the oral answer provided by the Minister for Social Security on 30th April 2019, the Minister, Assistant Ministers and the Ministerial team from Health and Social Services has already met with GPs and other primary care health providers to consider the work that must be completed over 2019 and 2020 to improve health outcomes for Islanders. The cost of access to primary care is a key strand of this work.

The Government Plan will be issued on 23 July.