

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER
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 dentistry charges, including a dental scheme for young people, under the Government Plan (or otherwise) and to what timescale any such work is 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'. This includes a commitment to

Improve access for vulnerable people, including children and an aging population, to all primary care services, including dentistry, and make it easier and more affordable to use

Officers have initiated work with stakeholders to assess the work that needs to be undertaken to improve dental services and access. Timescales will be proposed as options are developed.

The Government Plan will be published on 23 July.