

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2019**

Question

Will the Minister state how many young people (a) in care and (b) otherwise have been placed in a place of safety in relation to their mental health in each of 2017, 2018 and 2019 to date, breaking down the numbers by the age and nationality of the people concerned, the location of the place of safety and the length of time any such people remained in a place of safety?

Answer

The term 'place of safety' is a legal definition in the Mental Health (Jersey) Law 2016, Article 34, which states:

“place of safety” means –

- (a) an approved establishment;
- (b) in a case where, for the purpose of preventing harm to the person in question or to any other person, a police station is the most secure or suitable place, a police station; and
- (c) any other place –
 - (i) which may be designated as such for the purpose by the Minister, or
 - (ii) the occupier of which consents to receive a person for a specified temporary period;

“premises” includes any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or hovercraft.

- (2) Any person required or authorized by virtue of this Law to be conveyed to any place or to be kept in custody or detained in a place of safety, is deemed to be in legal custody while being so conveyed, kept or detained.
- (3) Nothing in this Part shall prevent a person detained under Article 35 or 36 from being conveyed from one place of safety to another

There were no looked after young people placed in a place of safety in terms of the above Act in any of the years 2017-2019.

Similarly, there were no other young people who had been admitted to a place of safety for mental health reasons during the above years.