

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 29th JANUARY 2019**

Question

Will the Minister provide members with –

- (a) the number of dementia patients who are resident in the Island's care homes, indicating the names of the homes and the number of patients in each of them; and
- (b) details of the bed and treatment capacity of such care homes (as actual figures and as a percentage) and the homes' staffing ratios; and

will he explain what other information, if any, is available to his department regarding the number of Islanders who have been diagnosed with dementia (including early onset); whether he is aware of any plans for new care homes to be built; and, if so, where they will be located?

Answer

The department does not hold information on the number of dementia patients resident in the island's care homes.

There are four care homes registered with the Jersey Care Commission as providing specialist dementia care for older people. These are:

- La Haule (58 beds)
- Ronceray (25)
- Beaumont Villa (24)
- Lakeside Manor (65)

The Care Commission has confirmed that these four homes meet or exceed minimum staffing levels. For example, where homes provide personal care for people living with dementia in a specialist setting, there must be a minimum of 1:5 care/support workers by day and 1:10 at night.

It is likely that most of the care homes for older people will also have some residents with a degree of cognitive impairment.

The Health and Community Services Department provides care for patients living with dementia at Oak (24 beds) and Maple (18) wards at Rosewood House, and at Sandybrook Nursing Home (28), although not all residents at these facilities may have dementia.

At the end of 2017, there were 650 patients recorded on GP systems with a diagnosis of dementia. (Source: *Prevalence of health conditions in Jersey and their multi-morbidity*. Statistics Jersey, December 2018)

The Care Commission is aware of early-stage plans for a number of new facilities for older people, but currently is not clear as to their exact specification.