

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 30th JUNE 2020**

Question

What measures, if any, does the Minister have under consideration to further reduce the costs of primary care for people on low incomes and those with chronic illnesses?

Answer

I refer Members to my response to both OQ158/2020 and WQ228/2020 that cover similar ground to this question.

With the temporary contract with GPs set to expire in August this year, officers are currently working with primary care colleagues to learn from the real and practical experience we have gained from working differently during the Covid-19 pandemic. By referencing principles within the Jersey Care Model (JCM) and in P.125/2019, an assessment will be made of the best way forward to improve access and service sustainability. As the negotiations on future working arrangements are underway, the outcome should not be pre-judged, but the principles set out in both P.125/2019 and the JCM will help inform the deliberations.