

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
BY DEPUTY C.S. ALVES OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2020**

Question

“Will the Minister advise what mental health support, if any, is being provided to students who have been required to isolate following contact with positive cases of Covid-19?”

Answer

There are currently 28 Emotional Literacy Support Assistants working in Primary Schools and 11 in Secondary Schools. In addition, there are also 9 School Based Counsellors working within Secondary schools. These staff, who are supervised by the Education Psychology Service are able to support the emotional health of all pupils in their schools, including those in self isolation. Where emotional health needs exceed the capacity of these staff, consultation lines are available to them to discuss strategies to support the children. Parents can also use these consultation lines where they feel concerned and do not need a referral from schools to do so.

In addition, the Youth Enquiry Service (YES) provides information, advice and counselling and is available to all young people and young adults under the age of 25yrs. YES is open Mon to Fri 12 noon to 6pm with young people and young adults able to call or visit YES during these times. Advice is also available at www.yes.je 24/7 on a range of items not just COVID-19.