

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2020**

Question

Further to the presentation of the Ministerial Response to ‘Assessment of Mental Health Services’ (S.R.4/2019), will the Minister provide an update on the action being taken to improve mental health services in the Island and will he advise, in particular, whether this work has involved any developments in respect of the Suicide Prevention Framework?

Answer

The Mental Health Improvement Board continues to drive the required changes in our services and the Mental Health Improvement Plan is expected to be ratified this week with publication shortly after.

The Listening Lounge continues to see increased activity and as such we have increased the support for counselling to this service. We are working on implanting a ‘Street Triage’ service to work closely with the police and we continue to develop plans for our crisis prevention and intervention service which we aim to have in place by Q3 2020.

The La Chasse development is due for completion by mid-March and we anticipate the new MH unit at Clinique Pinel to be in place in early 2021.

In terms of suicide prevention, we are awaiting the outcome of a thematic suicide review that was requested by the Safeguarding Partnership Board, as well as a local service assessment by a lead clinician in Mental Health. We anticipate the need to refresh the suicide prevention strategy and framework as a result of the recommendations and we envisage increased Government-wide input to this area with a more prominent role for Public Health.