WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE ASSISTANT CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY I. GARDINER OF ST. HELIER QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 11th OCTOBER 2021 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 18th OCTOBER 2021

Question

Following the answer to Written Question 381/2021, will the Minister advise what space (in square metres) has been allocated for future growth of the new hospital?

Answer

The new hospital has been designed carefully for future growth. The Demand and Capacity models used to inform the Functional Brief are based on 2036 population and health needs and the layouts are sized for this level of future growth. Space in the hospital will be fully utilised in the interim and reconfigured as necessary.

To accommodate potential future demand, the new hospital has been designed to be flexible: As healthcare changes, the use of areas in the hospital can be adapted, flexing for changes in certain services. The design also includes areas that could be used to accommodate future growth or alternative uses. There are also parts of the Overdale campus that could accommodate additional buildings.

A final schedule of accommodation will be available following approval of the Clinical and Operational Client Group in November 2021 and will be included in the planning application.

Although not a precise figure at this stage, an estimated 15% of the space will be adaptable for future use. That equates very approximately to 10,000 square metres on the current drawings but could be subject to change.