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**21 Deputy K.G. Pamplin of St. Saviour of the Minister for Children and Education regarding the creation of a database to capture the extent and needs of children with a physical disability or a learning difficulty (OQ.72/2021):**

Will the Minister update the Assembly as to what progress, if any, has been made to create a database to capture the full extent and needs of Jersey's children living with a physical disability or a learning difficulty?

**The following response was provided in writing in accordance with Standing Order 63(9) as the oral question was not asked before the end of the time allowed for Oral Questions:**

There is no database that captures the full extent and needs of Jersey's children living with a physical disability or a learning difficulty. Triangulation of data from a range of sources across CYPES and HCS provides a picture of the educational, health and care needs of children with disabilities.

The Government of Jersey has signalled a commitment to developing a better understanding of the health and wellbeing needs of Islanders through the Health and wellbeing Framework. and implementation of a Jersey needs assessment process. The approach sets out to dig deeper to understand inequalities across Jersey and their causes, so we can act to address them more effectively.

The first Jersey Needs Assessment exercise commenced in January 2020, trialling new ways of gathering and analysing data on the needs of children and young people. This piece of work has since been delayed due to re-prioritisation during the COVID-19 response.