

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 17th JULY 2023  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24th JULY 2023**

**Question**

“Will the Minister advise what discussions, if any, she has had with the Stroke Association – Jersey regarding the support available to stroke victims and the resources required to improve that support; and, further to any such discussions, what plans, if any, does the Minister have to improve the resourcing in this area?”

**Answer**

I can confirm that one of my first stakeholder introductions as Minister was with the Stroke Association, whom I continue to work directly with, as well as Jersey Stroke Support.

The appointment of a locum stroke consultant in June 2022 identified areas of improvement across the entire Stroke pathway, mainly targeting alignment with best practices. I have been assured that, as a result of these developments, more patients are able to access tertiary stroke services in the UK, such as thrombectomy procedures. I have also engaged in discussions with several consultants on this matter to understand the support currently available to patients in our clinical settings.

The locum consultant left in July and the associate specialist for the service is acting up. We continue to develop the service and will plan for a substantive consultant and support to be in place in the near future, pending security of long-term funding. I can confirm that there will be no disruption to service provision in the interim.

Moving forward, a key area of focus is providing more comprehensive post-stroke support, such as discharge plans and community outreach, which is being reviewed on a six-month basis with feedback from across the third sector.

As always, I welcome further collaboration with the Stroke Association and other charities to improve the offer of stroke support to islanders and encourage all organisations or individuals to contact me if they have feedback and suggestions for improvement in our service delivery.

<sup>1</sup> List of Registered charities with the [Association of Jersey Charities](#)