

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 16th JULY 2024  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd JULY 2024**

**Question**

“Further to the Minister’s response to Oral Question [121/2024](#) regarding the Royal College of Physicians report, will the Minister advise –

- (a) whether he has read the report and whether he accepts all of the report’s recommendations and, if not, which recommendations he does not accept;
- (b) whether he will be actioning the recommendations according to the timetable set out in the report and, if not, what timetable will be followed; and
- (c) what role he has in relation to ongoing reviews such as this within his department?”

**Answer**

- (a) **whether he has read the report and whether he accepts all of the report’s recommendations and, if not, which recommendations he does not accept;**

I can confirm that I have read the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) Report from the Invited Review of Rheumatology, and that I accept all of the recommendations contained within it.

- (b) **whether he will be actioning the recommendations according to the timetable set out in the report and, if not, what timetable will be followed; and**

A detailed update report was published yesterday (22 July), with the HCS Advisory Board papers. This provides information on each of the RCP recommendations, and the progress made to date. The HCS Advisory Board report confirms that all of the ‘immediate’ recommendations were completed before the January Board meeting. Nine of the of the ‘short term’ and three of the ‘medium term’ RCP recommendations have been fully implemented, and a further eight ‘short term’ and two ‘medium term’ recommendations are significantly developed.

- (c) **what role he has in relation to ongoing reviews such as this within his department?**

As Minister for Health & Social Services, I am ultimately accountable for those services which are provided to Islanders. I take this accountability seriously; a key element of this is ensuring I am regularly briefed by Officers, including the Medical Director and Deputy Medical Director, regarding any reviews that are ongoing, and those that are planned, within Health & Community Services.