



ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ORDER PAPER

First Sitting Of Ministers Question Time

**Tuesday, 4th November 2025 at 10:00am
In the Council Chamber, The Castle**

‘Health and Social Care - Portfolio Strategy and Delivery Plan April 2025 – March 2028’

QUESTIONS:

The Hon Clint Beard:

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care outline what healthcare services, including clinics and outpatient care, are currently available in outlying communities such as Sandy Bay and Blue Hill? Additionally, what plans are in place to make healthcare more inclusive and better suited to our aging population?

The Hon Ronald Coleman:

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care inform this Council, given the aging population, how the portfolio is addressing the increased demand for residential and domiciliary care? What support is also being provided for home adaptations to enable independent living?

The Hon Dr Corinda Essex:

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care inform this House of the key objectives behind re-establishing the Nurses and Midwives Board?

The Hon Dennis Leo:

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care inform this Council, given that mental health services on St Helena are consistently delivered by both local professionals and contracted specialists, whether they can provide an overview of the current mental health services available on the island, including any strategic plans or initiatives aimed at improving mental health outcomes?

The Hon Robert Midwinter:

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care explain the rationale behind the re-prioritisation within the Health Strategy—specifically, why the delivery of core and preventative health services has been reduced from Priority 1 to Priority 6?

The Hon Julie Thomas:

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care inform this Council, noting that the sum of £1.65 million was allocated from the British Indian Ocean Territories (BIOT) agreement with the UK Government with the stated objective of reducing and ultimately clearing the backlog of overseas medical referrals within a one-year period, whether that objective has in fact been achieved, given that the one-year anniversary has now elapsed?

The Hon Derek Thomas:

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care outline what measures are being considered to increase the financial support for full-time home carers, in light of rising service demand and limited capacity within residential care facilities?