

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 26th JANUARY 2026
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2026**

Question

“Further to the response to [Written Question 74/2025](#), regarding hospital treatment options for skin conditions, will the Minister provide an update on Jersey’s phototherapy service, including when new equipment will arrive and when the service will be started again?”

Answer

In my response to [WQ.74/2025](#), I confirmed that two capital replacement bids had been submitted for a new phototherapy machine. Neither was successful, as other, more critical equipment had to be prioritised. I subsequently asked officers to explore the use of charitable funds to support the purchase, and in September 2025 I approved a [grant](#) from the E. J. Bailhache Fund to enable the purchase of the machine.

The machine is scheduled to arrive at the end of March 2026, and a workforce plan is being developed to ensure the service can begin as soon as possible once the machine is installed.