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## Jersey hockey players get England coach assessment

Around 22 of Jersey's most promising young Jersey hockey players will have the opportunity to receive guidance from England coaches this weekend.

The Jersey Hockey Association has arranged for a Junior Regional Performance Centre (JRPC) Coaching and Assessment weekend to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May at Les Quennevais, as part of the Deutsche Bank Development Programme.

A mixed group of 8 boys and girls in the Under 17/18 category will take part in the sessions over the weekend, with a further mixed group of 14 taking part in the Under 15/U16 category.

As well as providing coaching at the sessions, Carolyn Rolleston, an England Hockey Level 3 coach, and Joanne Thomas, who is lead U16 girls coach and JRPC coordinator for both Bristol and Exeter, will also be assessing the young players with a view to some of them progressing to a further performance centre in the UK. If successful at that, candidates have the opportunity to attend further regional sessions that can lead to England assessment.

Ian Cuming, co-ordinator of the JRPC Weekend for the Jersey Hockey Association, said:

"We're very fortunate to have been able to organise for Carolyn and Joanne to come over to Jersey to lead a Junior Regional Performance Centre. It's a fantastic opportunity for local promising young players not only to put themselves in the frame for potential regional and national selection, but also to receive top quality coaching from England assessors. The Deutsche Bank Development Programme is all about giving young players a chance to develop their skills to take them to the next level, and this weekend will certainly achieve that."

The Junior Regional Performance Centres take place at Les Quennevais on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, from 9am until 5pm each day.

Ends.