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### **Patients Successfully Transferred from St Bernard's to New Hillside's Dementia Home**

The successful phased transfer of patients from St Bernard's Hospital to the recently inaugurated Hillside's Dementia Home took place over the weekend of the 10th and 11th of June 2017. The scheduled timeframe for the total occupation of the new home has been met with the admission of 26 residents on floors 2 and 3 of the building. The transfer was organised by the Gibraltar Health Authority in conjunction with Elderly Residential Services.

The coordinated relocation of residents from St Bernard's Hospital to Hillside's was carried out by the GHA ambulance service over two days, in a combined operation with the GHA, ERS, the Care Agency and MedDoc, the care provider.

Families of the patients involved have expressed delight after seeing the new environment where their relatives are going to reside. They were impressed with the design and details of the home and have praised the staff for their kind attention to all residents admitted in the residence. With the opening of the second and third floors, the service has reached its maximum capacity.

Respite beds are now being offered to persons in the community requiring the service.

Minister for Health, Care and Justice, the Honourable Neil F. Costa MP welcomed the move to Hillside's: "I am extremely pleased at the safe and smooth manner in which patients were transferred. The professionalism shown by staff at all times is worthy of praise. Hillside's is a magnificent asset of Gibraltar's ever improving health care infrastructure. We are now able to provide 24 hour care for high dependency patients in a professional, well resourced, safe and caring environment. The Ministry for Health, the GHA and ERS will continue to work tirelessly to ensure the best healthcare possible, providing the necessary facilities for vulnerable sectors, and for the entire community, improving and expanding all medical services over this term of office. Once again, I wish to thank MedDoc and highlight their excellent work in ensuring that Hillside's provides residents the caring and pleasant home they deserve."