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"Ocean Views"

Public Competition names Gibraltar's new Mental Health Unit

As it gears up to a historic move to a new facility, the Gibraltar Health Authority has announced the results of the public competition to name Gibraltar's new Mental Health Unit. This new facility is now called 'Ocean Views.' The judging panel, led by Health Minister, Dr John Cortes had a difficult job in selecting from over eighty suggestions to name both the unit, and the individual wards. The judges included Emily Olivero from Clubhouse Gibraltar, as well as members of the Mental health Team. Members of the judging panel were delighted with the overwhelming response from the public, both in terms of the numbers of suggestions and the creative ideas. These included themes based on the links with the Royal Navy, (with proposals based around famous naval ships) and others based around the royal family

The panel stuck to their brief, which was drawn from discussions with patients and staff. This had confirmed a wish to change the name from 'KGV'. It was summed up nicely by one respondent; 'We want a new building, a new name and a new start'. A name was needed that reflected the 'feel' of the new unit. It needed to sound warm and welcoming, a healing place where people come to recover before returning to their lives in the community.

As well as the name for the new unit, the panel looked at suggestions for names for the main in-patient areas consisting of two acute wards, a rehabilitation ward, an elderly care ward and two rehabilitation flats. The panel decided to favour the suggestions for names that linked with the new Units' unique location, with its spectacular sea and rock views. The name of "Ocean Views" was clearly a popular choice as it had five nominations, (from Pamela Estella, Christine Baptista, Suzanne McGovey, Chris Chipolina and Steven Garcia). The names selected for the wards were; 'Sky', for the psychiatric intensive care unit suggested by Pamela Estella, Christine Baptista and Suzanne McGovey, 'Horizon', for the Acute Ward nominated by Pamela Estella, Christine Baptista, Suzanne McGovey, Claire Pitaluga, Christian Celecia, Philip Ward, Sandra Olmetto and Charlotte Rosado,



'Dawn', for the Rehabilitation Ward, recommended by Derek Desoiza, Charlene Canessa and Douglas Ferro 'Sunshine' for the Elderly Care Ward entered by Lina Searle and Anne Marie Struggles, and 'Rockside' for the rehabilitation flats proposed by Ivanna Lavagna.

The winners will be invited to the official opening ceremony at the new unit, due to take place shortly.