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Does the GHA employ a menopause specialist? If not:

- (i) Why;
- (ii) Are there any plans to recruit such a specialist; and
- (iii) Is there a clinic that deals specifically with issues relating to perimenopause and menopause, both in uncomplicated and more complex cases?



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Are talking therapies like counselling or CBT currently offered to service users experiencing symptoms of perimenopause and menopause?



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What health information systems does the GHA currently rely on?



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When a visiting Consultant is holding clinics at the GHA, are they given access to the GHA's health computer systems, to include patient records and prescription systems?



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Can the Honourable Minister confirm whether the GHA has a Corporate Governance Framework or Policy in place?



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Does the GHA currently employ a mammographer?



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Are mammograms currently being carried out by the GHA with regularity?



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Has there been a disruption to the GHA's breast screening programme within the past 5 years



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Does the GHA currently employ the following on a full-time or part-time basis:

- (i) A diabetologist;
- (ii) An endocrinologist;
- (iii) A specialist diabetes nurse?



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Have there been any disruptions to the regular functioning of the diabetes clinic at the GHA within the past 5 years, to include any instances where the service has lacked specialist clinicians within this area?

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How many GHA employees are currently working without a formal contract in place, or with a contract that has expired and not been formally renewed?



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Does the GHA have enough cardiologists and specialist cardiology nurses to staff the new catheterisation lab, which is expected to be finalised in the last quarter of this year? If not, will cardiology specialists be recruited in order to staff the catheterisation lab?



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Once the new Oncology Suite at the GHA, the plans for which were announced in February of this year, has been completed, will there be recruitment of specialist oncology nurses to staff the suite?



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Is the GHA's cervical screening programme currently up to date?



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Does the GHA currently employ a Radiologist/Radiologists? If so, is the complement of Radiologists intact and has it been intact in the past 12 months?



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Does the GHA have contingency plans in place in respect of its staff?



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Does the GHA have succession plans in place in respect of its staff?



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Have there been any bed shortages within any of the wards in St. Bernard's Hospital in the past 5 years and, if so, what was done/ is being done to alleviate the issue?



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Are regular being checks carried out on local pharmacies to ensure that registers of prescriptions are being kept up to date and can be produced if the need arises?



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On average, how long does it take a Registered Mental Health Nurse employed by the GHA to triage a service user before they see a Psychologist at the GHA?



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Is the Psychological Services and Talking Therapies Department currently composed of the following professionals, as set out in the Mental Health Annual Inspection Report 2023:

- Head of Psychological Services and Talking Therapies and Clinical Psychologist- at Ocean Views- Inpatient services and Adult secondary care talking therapies;
- Clinical Psychologist based at PCC- Adult secondary care talking therapies;
- Clinical Psychologist based at Community Mental Health Team- Adult secondary care talking therapies;
- Clinical Psychologist based at Children's Health Centre- Gibraltar Young Minds;
- Counselling Psychologist;
- Counsellor at Ocean Views and Children's Health Centre- Adult primary care talking therapies and Gibraltar Young Minds;
- Counsellor (part-time) at Primary Care Centre- Adult primary and secondary care talking therapies
- One trainee Clinical Psychologist
- Six trainee Counsellors (part-time)- Adult primary care talking therapies- various locations?



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Of the 136 service users on the legacy waiting list to access the services provided by the GHA's Psychological Services and Talking Therapies Department, how many responded to the opt-in exercise carried out in order to deal with the waiting lists from 2019 to December 2022? Of those that responded, how many:

- (i) Opted in; and
- (ii) Opted out?



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Since the introduction in 2022 of enhanced data recording on EMIS within the GHA's Psychological Services and Talking Therapies Department what have the rates of referral to the Department been, broken down by month?



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What is the current average waiting time for a service user to see a Counsellor at the GHA, from the date of referral?



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Has the provision of Counselling Services now resumed at Windmill Hill Prison? If not, what is the expected timeframe for this service to resume?



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Can the Honourable Minister provide the number of outstanding warrants of arrest at the conclusion of the following years:

2011
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023?



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Are the main reasons for having 15,000 unexecuted warrants of arrest issues with staffing levels and limited resources within the RGP, and what will be done to address this backlog?



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How old are the oldest warrants of arrest amongst the 15,000 unexecuted warrants of arrest recently flagged by the RGP?



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Is there an estimated timeframe by which the RGP expect to have addressed the backlog of the 15,000 unexecuted warrants of arrest?



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When a prisoner leaves Windmill Hill Prison after they have served their sentence, what support is in place to ease their reintegration into society?



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Does the Prison Service have an anti-bullying policy in place for adherence by staff and, if so, since when has this policy been in place? If it does not have such a policy, is there an intention to introduce one and what is the timeframe for its introduction?



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What changes have there been to the Prison Service since the emergence of the Gibraltar General and Clerical Associations survey of its members in March 2019?



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Is the law library within the precincts of the Supreme Court currently in use? If not, is there a timeframe by which the library can be expected to be functioning?



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What measures have been put in place at the Airport Terminal to ensure that Borders and Coastguard Agency officers have access to rest facilities, pending certainty on a UK-EU deal concerning Gibraltar?



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Specifically, what health and safety concerns have been expressed by Unite the Union in respect of the working conditions of Borders and Coastguard Agency Officers, how far back do these concerns date and have these issues now been addressed satisfactorily?



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What policies and procedures are in place to deal with individuals who fail ongoing training requirements within the Borders and Coastguard Agency?



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Are there plans to regulate the sale of nicotine pouches in Gibraltar to curb their use in the under 21 population, or to ban them altogether?



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Will the U.K's Infected Blood Compensation Scheme be applied in Gibraltar directly, or will the Government hold an Inquiry to reveal the extent of the harm caused locally?



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Can the Government state the current position with respect to the funding of hearing aids for those suffering from hearing impairment and associated conditions?



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Can the Honourable Minister confirm what arrangements there are in place in respect of a service user who arrives at A & E or at the Primary care Centre, and requires urgent specialist eye care, and whether there are safeguards and protocols in place to ensure that time sensitive issues are addressed without delay?