



**Primary**  
HealthCare

# Quality Service Charter

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## Preamble

Primary HealthCare (PHC) strives to be sensitively responsive to the dynamic needs of its clients. Over the years it sought to change, adapt, plan resourcefully and design its services in-line with the health demands posed by the community it serves..... people with diversity in culture, colour, language, age, gender, values, beliefs and above all with a colourful assortment of health needs.

The ideology and dedication of its professional, skilled, and talented human assets have obliged Primary HealthCare to take giant steps in the best interest of the clients, committing itself to various initiatives thus, taking quality of care to higher levels each time, transforming a patient-centred care philosophy to an integrated person-focused care, and mobilising the services closer to the clients' habitats.

The Quality Service Charter (QSC) is another golden milestone in the quality service history of Primary HealthCare which will support us with an excellent overarching guiding tool to ensure our goals are always continuously being fully accomplished. The Quality Service Charter will help us identify overlaps, gaps and potential pitfalls in our services, and guide us to take proactive actions to always guarantee optimal service satisfaction for our clients, along with giving an achieving sense of fulfilment and job satisfaction to our employees.

Primary HealthCare staff members are committed to respect and comply with the principles of this Quality Service Charter. They understand and abide by their obligations while our clients are expected to reciprocate in carrying out their responsibilities and cooperate to ultimately ensure each other's rights are always safeguarded and respected.

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## 1. Who We Are & What We Do

We are the Primary HealthCare, and we provide primary healthcare services for the population of Malta and Gozo. through our multiple sites distributed in different locations. Our mission states that:

The Primary HealthCare's multidisciplinary TEAM is committed to excellence; to the highest possible level and quality of integrated primary health care service delivery, while we continue to explore new avenues to increase patients' accessibility further in the community.

Our services are accessible according to the time schedules included in this Charter. *If you are not sure how to access a particular service, you can always seek help by phoning the Client Support Centre on 21231231.* Our public health services/ clinics are physically accessible to persons with disabilities.

## 2. Customers

Our clients are the entire population. Health care services are free of charge at the point of use to Maltese citizens and refugees. EU citizens are entitled for free immediate care, such as, General Practitioner (doctor) service. Services can also be accessed by ineligible clients against a payment.

## 3. How to Reach Us

In view that Primary HealthCare offers its services from various health venues on the Maltese Islands, Figure 1 and Figure 2 provide useful information about these venues to help you access our medical and nursing services. You are encouraged to make use of the Health Centre in your catchment area and the Community Clinic in your locality. Other services are offered from the Community Clinics which will be described under '**Our Services**' Section.

**Figure 1: Primary HealthCare main public facing venues and opening schedule**

Venues	Locality	Address	Available to the Public			
			Days	Opens	Closes	
Acupuncture	Paola	Corradino	Monday to Saturday Monday to Friday	8.30am 3.00pm	12.30pm 6.30pm	
<b>FOR GP SERVICE AT THE HEALTH CENTRES PLEASE REFER TO FIGURE 3</b>						
Health Centres	B'Kara,	Civic Centre, Thomas Fenech Street	Monday to Friday, Sunday & Pub. Hol. Saturday  <i>Note: Pub. Holiday on a Saturday, H.C. opens from 7:00am – 2:00pm</i>  Monday to Friday and Sunday from 8.00pm to 7.00am and on Saturday from 2.00pm to 7.00am, the catchment areas of B'Kara Health Centre patients can attend Mosta Health Centre.	7.00am 7.00am	8.00pm 2.00pm	
	Cospicua	1, Sofie Street	Monday to Friday, Sunday & Pub. Hol. Saturday  <i>Note: Pub. Holiday on a Saturday, H.C. opens from 7:00am – 2:00pm</i>  Monday to Friday and Sunday from 8.00pm to 7.00am and on Saturday from 2.00pm to 7.00am, the catchment areas of Cospicua Health Centre patients can attend Paola Health Centre	7.00am 7.00am	8.00pm 2.00pm	
	Floriana	12, Frangisk Saver Fenech Street	Monday to Sunday & Pub. Hol.	24 hours		
	Gzira	Meme' Scicluna Square	Monday to Sunday & Pub. Hol.  From 8.00pm to 7.00am the catchment areas of Gzira Health Centre patients can attend Floriana Health Centre.	7.00am	8.00pm	
	Kirkop	Danny Cremona Street	Monday to Sunday & Pub. Hol.  From 8.00pm to 7.00am the catchment areas of Kirkop Health Centre patients can attend Paola Health Centre.	7.00am	8.00pm	
	Mosta	Constitution Street	Monday to Sunday & Pub. Hol.	24 hours		
	Paola	Antoine De Paule, Square	Monday to Sunday & Pub. Hol.	24 hours		
	Qormi	Victory Street	Monday to Friday, Sunday & Pub. Hol. Saturday  <i>Note: Pub. Holiday on a Saturday, H.C. opens from 7:00am – 2:00pm</i>	7.00am 7.00am	8.00pm 2.00pm	

			Monday to Friday and Sunday from 8.00pm to 7.00am and on Saturday from 2.00pm to 7.00am, the catchment areas of Qormi Health Centre patients can attend Floriana Health Centre
		Civic Centre, St Kataldo Street	Monday, Friday, Sunday & Pub. Hol. 7.00am 8.00pm Saturday 7.00am 2.00pm  <b>Note: Pub. Holiday on a Saturday, H.C. opens from 7:00am – 2:00pm</b>  On Monday, Friday and Sunday from 8.00pm to 7.00am and on Saturday from 2.00pm to 7.00am, the catchment areas of Rabat Health Centre patients can attend Mosta Health Centre
	Victoria (Gozo)	Enrico Mizzi Street	Monday to Sunday & Pub.Hol. 7.00am 8.00pm  From 8.00pm to 7.00am patients needing an emergency service, or a GP service can go to Gozo General Hospital.
Migrant Health Officer	Floriana	7, Harper Lane	Variable days 8:00am 3:00pm
National Programme Screening Centre	Valletta	Lascaris Wharf	Monday 8.00am 3.00pm Tuesday 8.00am 4.00pm Wednesday 8.00am 4.00pm Thursday 8.00am 1.00pm Friday 8.00am 1.30pm
Occupational Health (Medical) Unit	Msida	Rue D'Argens Road	Monday to Friday 7.00am 3.00pm
Podiatry Head Office	B'Kara	Civic Centre, Thomas Fenech Street	Monday to Friday 8:00am 2:00pm Alt Saturday 8:00am - 12:00MD
School Health Services	Floriana	12, Frangisk Saver Fenech Street	Monday to Friday 7:00am 3:00pm
Speech Language Pathology Head Office	Luqa	Florence Nightingale Street	Monday to Friday 8:00am 3:00pm

**Figure 2: Health Centres, their catchment area, and Community Clinics**

The Community Clinics do not open on Weekend and Public Holiday.

Health Centre	Catchment Area	Community Clinic	Address
B'Kara	B'Kara Balzan Iklin Lija	Iklin	11, Three Villages, Trejquet ir-Rumanzieri
		Lija/ Balzan	214, Triq il-Kbira, Balzan (Main Street close to Balzan Church)
		Gharghur	11, St Bartolomeo Street
Cospicua	Cospicua Kalkara Senglea Vittoriosa	Kalkara	3, St. Michael Street (Local council) <i>formerly Triq ix-Xatt</i>
		Luqa	St. Paul Street
		Senglea	Two Gate Street
		Vittoriosa	Berga ta Inghilterra, Triq il-Majjistral (formerly St John's Tower Street)
Floriana	Floriana Blata l-Bajda G'Mangia Hamrun Marsa St. Venera Valletta	Hamrun	St Paul Square
		Marsa	171, Balbi Street
		Mqabba	Parish Street (Local Council)
		Qrendi	7, Triq il-Knisja (Local Council)
		Safi	40, Dar il-Kunsill, School Street (Local Council)
		St. Venera	24, Sacred Heart Street
		Valletta	Evans Bldg Merchants Street
		Zurrieq	105, Mattia Preti Street
Gzira	Gzira Ibragg Kappara Msida Pembroke Pieta' San Gwann Sliema St. Julians Swieqi Ta' Xbiex	Msida	Rue D'Argens
		Pembroke	Alemein Road (Local Council)
		Pieta'	11, 'Il-Pellikan' K. Mifsud Street
		San Gwann	Naxxar street (Local Council)
		Sliema	Depiro Street
		St. Julians	St. George's Street
		Swieqi (Ibragg)	Local Council
		Ta'Xbiex	High Rise Apt, Imradd Street (Local Council)
Kirkop	Kirkop Hal Far Hal Farrug Safi Luqa Imqabba Qrendi Zurrieq	Mqabba	Parish Street (Local Council)
		Qrendi	7, Triq il-Knisja (Local Council)
		Safi	40, Dar il-Kunsill, School Street (local Council)
		Zurrieq	105, Mattia Preti Street
Mosta	Burmarrad Ghajn Tuffieha Gharghur (Xwiekj) Manikata	Mellieha	Mellieha Home
		Mgarr	Primary School
		Naxxar	21 <sup>st</sup> September Avenue
		St. Paul's Bay	70, St Paul Street



	Mellieha (Selmun, Ghadira, Marfa, Cirkewwa) Mgarr (Zebbiegh) Mosta (Bidnija) Naxxar (Birguma, Maghtab, Salina, Bahar ic-Caghaq) Qawra San Pawl il-Bahar (Bugibba) Wardija (Pwales) Xemxija		
Paola	Birzebbugia Fgura Ghaxaq Gudja Marsascala Marsaxlokk Paola Santa Lucia Tarxien Xaghra Zabbar Zejtun	Birzebbugia	9, B'Bugia Square
		Fgura	Hompesch Road (Police Station)
		Ghaxaq	68, Labour Avenue
		Gudja	20, William Baker Street
		Marsascala	42, La Sengle Street
		Marsaxlokk	M'Xlokk Parish Priest Hall
		St. Lucia	Oleander Street
		Tarxien	43A, St Mary Street
		Xghajra	73, Church Street
		Zabbar	Civic Centre Cawsli Street
		Zejtun	42, Mater Boni Consigli Street
		Qormi	Qormi Siggiewi Zebbug
Zebbug	Angel's Street		
Rabat	Rabat L/o Rabat Attard Bajhrija Dingli Kuncizzjoni Mdina Mtarfa	Attard	B'Kara Street
		Dingli	Guze' Ellul Mercer Street
Victoria (Gozo)	The Islands of Gozo & Comino	Gharb	Triq il-Visitazzjoni,
		Ghasri	Pjazza s-Salvatur,
		Ghajnsielem	Triq JF De Chambray
		Kercem	Pjazza Orvieto
		Munxar	Triq Prof. Guze Aquilina
		Nadur	Pjazza San Pietru u San Pawl
		Qala	Triq l-Isqof Mikiel Buttigieg
		Sannat	Triq Sannat
		St. Lawrence	Triq id-Duluri
		Xaghra	Vjal it-Tmienja ta' Settembru
		Zebbug	Pjazza l-Assunta

Our services can be accessed in the following ways:

1. As an emergency
2. Walk-in patient in case of an immediate health need, or
3. By an appointment

You may contact Primary HealthCare for information on our services and how to access them by calling our Client Support Centre on 21231231 or visit our website at:

<https://www.primaryhealthcare.gov.mt>.

To access any of the PHC services you must bring with you an identification document and any other relevant records, example referral ticket, record card etc. **Maltese and EU citizens must present their ID card/ Baby book. Non-EU clients must present at the reception desk a copy of their pay slip and may opt to cover the salary and other unnecessary details.**

Minors under sixteen years must have the consent of a parent/legal guardian to receive a healthcare service/intervention. When a service user has reached the age of 16, s/he has the right to accept or refuse clinical attention/ care/ treatment, provided that the clinician feels that the client/patient has a sufficient level of maturity and understanding to do so. It is in your health interest to comply with the above to guarantee quality service by the clinician.

You may lodge a complaint/complement by either posting it in the address below, contact Customer Care on 25576100 or email it at [customercare.phc@gov.mt](mailto:customercare.phc@gov.mt) Our website also has the facility of a suggestion box to help you communicate your complaint/complement.

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## Our Services

### Services delivered by the General Practitioner (GP)

#### General Practitioner (GP) Service

GP service is offered from all the Health Centres and includes treatment and advice on any condition a patient/ client may be suffering from. For emergency and immediate care no appointment is required to see the GP and the waiting time may be shorter outside the morning busy hours.

The service includes:

- Minor medical and surgical interventions
- First aid and basic life support in emergency situations
- Health Promotion advice and primary prevention
- Home visits if circumstances permit and are justified such as in emergencies, bedbound patients, the frail and severely disabled.
- Investigations (blood tests, urine tests, X-Rays, ECG) as considered necessary by the doctor
- Referral to a consultant by the General Practitioner if necessary.

**Note:** Medical certificates for absence from work are issued from 8am to 11am except for shift workers in which case a certificate may be issued at any time before their shift is due to start.

Figure 3 illustrates the times when GP service is available at the Health Centres.

*Documentation:*

It is **very important** that a Maltese person or a European citizen presents his/her Identification Card, while a non-European citizen who resides in Malta must present his/her pay slip/ working permit and passport.

Figure 3: GP service in Health Centres

Health Centre	Day	Time	Important notes
B'Kara	Monday to Friday Saturday	8:00am to 8:00pm 8:00am to 1:00pm	From 8.00pm to 8.00am (Mon to Fri), from 1:00pm to 8:00am (Sat) and on Sunday and public Holiday, all clients/ patients residing in the catchment area of B'Kara Health Centre can go to Mosta Health Centre.

Cospicua	Monday to Friday Saturday	8:00am to 7:45pm 8:00am to 12:45pm	From 8.00pm to 7.45am (Mon to Fri), from 12:45pm to 8:00am (Sat) and on Sunday and public Holiday, all clients/ patients residing in the catchment area of Cospicua Health Centre can go to Paola Health Centre.
Floriana	Monday to Sunday & Public Holiday	8.00am to 8.00pm <b>for routine and emergency care</b>  8.00pm to 8.00am <b>only for emergency and immediate care</b> ( <i>not considered urgent but would benefit from early intervention due to pain etc.</i> )	
Gzira	Monday to Friday Saturday, Sunday, Public Holiday	8:00am to 8:00pm 8:00am to 5:00pm	From 8.00pm to 8.00am (Mon to Fri), from 5:00pm to 8:00am (Sat., Sun., & Pub. Hol), all clients/ patients residing in the catchment area of Gzira Health Centre can go to Floriana Health Centre.
Kirkop	Monday to Friday Saturday	8:00am to 8:00pm 8:00am to 1:00pm	From 8.00pm to 8.00am (Mon to Fri), from 1:00pm to 8:00am (Saturday) and on Sunday and Public Holiday, clients/ patients residing in the catchment area of Kirkop Health Centre can go to Paola Health Centre.
Mosta	Monday to Sunday & Public Holiday	8.00am to 8.00pm <b>for any degree of care</b>  8.00pm to 8.00am <b>only for emergency and immediate care</b> ( <i>not considered urgent but would benefit from early intervention due to pain etc.</i> )	
Paola	Monday to Sunday & Public Holiday	8.00am to 8.00pm <b>for routine and emergency care</b>  8.00pm to 8.00am <b>only for emergency and immediate care</b> ( <i>not considered urgent but would benefit from early intervention due to pain etc.</i> )	
Qormi	Monday to Friday Saturday	8:00am to 8:00pm 8:00am to 1:00pm	From 8.00pm to 8.00am (Mon to Fri), from 1:00pm to 8:00am (Sat) and on Sunday and public Holiday, all clients/ patients residing in the catchment area of Qormi Health Centre can go to Floriana Health Centre

Rabat	Monday to Friday Saturday	8:00am to 8:00pm 8:00am to 1:00pm	From 8.00pm to 8.00am (Mon to Fri), from 1:00pm to 8:00am (Sat) and on Sunday and public Holiday, all clients/ patients residing in the catchment area of Rabat Health Centre can go to Mosta Health Centre
Victoria (Gozo)	Monday to Sunday & Public Holiday	8:00am to 8:00pm	From 8.00pm to 8.00am all clients/ patients can go to Gozo General Hospital (GGH)

The GP service is also offered in the Community Clinics (Bereg) that are distributed in different localities throughout Malta and Gozo. During this service, a nurse or a Nursing Aide/ Health Assistant is in attendance. This service is by appointment and provides basic medical and nursing/ caring services. Complicated medical issues are best dealt with at the health centre as time is very limited here. For more information, please refer to Figure 2.

GP home visits are offered to clients/ patients only if circumstances permit and are justified such as in emergencies, bedbound patients, the frail and severely disabled. For home visits, when possible, please phone before 9:00am, giving us the following details:

- Your name and age
- Your address with clear directions/landmarks
- Your ID card number
- Your telephone number
- Some details on your condition.

An adult, preferably one of the parents/guardians, should be present when the doctor is called to examine a child.

When calling, our operator may forward your call to the doctor to give further details.

In an emergency, please keep calm and before you hang off make sure that the operator/doctor has **ALL** the details.

### Adult Down Syndrome Clinic

This clinic is by appointment for patients with Down Syndrome over 16 years of age. Service delivered from Zabbar or Pieta' Community Clinics (Bereg) according to demand.

*Documentation:*

Identification card/ Baby book and an Appointment Letter/ Appointment by SMS.

### Cardiac Clinic

This clinic is to follow up patients suffering from cardiac conditions after attending Mater Dei Hospital. An appointment is needed to attend this clinic. For more information kindly refer to Figure 4.

*Documentation:*

Identification card/ Baby book and referral ticket from Mater Dei Hospital

**Figure 4: Cardiac Clinic time schedule**

Health Centre	Day	Time
B'Kara	Tuesday and Thursday	8:45am – 11:30am
Floriana	Friday	8:00am – 1:00pm
Mosta	Monday and Tuesday	8:00am – 1:00pm
Paola	Monday	8:00am – 1:00pm

### Chronic Disease Management Clinic (CDMC)

You can attend this clinic if you need to be followed-up on a chronic medical condition you may have, such as high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol and asthma amongst others (not if you are already attending the Diabetes Clinic). To be seen at the CDMC you need to do an appointment and must have a reference to this clinic by a General Practitioner (GP). For more information on the opening times of the CDMC, kindly refer to Figure 5.

*Documentation:*

Identification Card, Appointment Card/ Appointment by SMS, Treatment Card.

**Figure 5: Chronic Disease Management Clinic (CDMC)at the Health Centres**

Health Centre	Day	Time
B'Kara	Wednesday	10:20am – 12:00MD
Cospicua	Monday and Friday	8:00am – 12:00MD

<b>Floriana</b>	Monday, Tuesday, and Friday (new case) Wednesday and Thursday (follow-up)	11:30am – 1:00pm 11:40am – 12:40pm
<b>Rabat</b>	Monday and Friday (Follow-up)	10:30am – 12:30pm

## Diabetes/ Specialty Clinic

The Diabetes Clinic caters for patients with diabetes. Here, the patients are monitored for their chronic condition and its complications. Diabetes Care is a multidisciplinary professional team approach, mainly Doctors, Nurses, Podiatrists and Ophthalmologist. Patients are seen against a standard protocol which includes that all patients undergo yearly, comprehensive foot screening by a podiatrist at their respective Health Centres. If pathology is detected, the patient is subsequently referred for vascular assessment, with the possibility of further specialised assessment by a vascular surgeon if necessary. They also undergo yearly screening for Diabetic retinopathy in addition to an annual ophthalmic referral for full assessment by Ophthalmologists.

Referral is by a GP or from the Diabetes Clinic at Mater Dei Hospital. An appointment is required to attend the Diabetes Clinic and the Specialty Clinic. For more information on the opening times of the Diabetes Clinic, kindly refer to Figure 6.

### *Documentation:*

Identification Card, Referral Ticket by GP for new cases, Appointment letter/ Appointment by SMS, Treatment Card.

**Figure 6: Diabetes Clinic at the Health Centres**

Health Centre	Service	Day	Time
<b>B'Kara</b>	Diabetes Clinic	Monday to Friday	8:00am – 12:40pm
	Pre-Diabetes Clinic	Friday	8:00am – 12:00MD
	Specialty Clinic	First Wednesday of the month	8:00am – 12:00MD
<b>Cospicua</b>	Diabetes Clinic	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	8:00am – 12:40pm
	Specialty Clinic	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month	8:00am – 12:00MD
<b>Floriana</b>	Diabetes Clinic	Monday to Friday	8:00am – 12:40pm
	Specialty Clinic	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month	8:00am – 12:00MD
<b>Gzira</b>	Diabetes Clinic	Monday to Friday	8:00am – 12:00MD
	Specialty Clinic	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month	8:00am – 12:00MD
<b>Kirkop</b>	Diabetes Clinic	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday	8:00am – 11:30am
	Specialty Clinic	Alt. Saturday	8:00am – 11:00MD
<b>Mosta</b>	Diabetes Clinic	Monday to Friday	8:00am – 12:40pm
<b>Paola</b>	Diabetes Clinic	Monday to Friday	8:00am – 12:40pm
		Alt Saturday	8:00am – 12:00MD

	Specialty Clinic	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month	8:00am – 12:00MD
<b>Qormi</b>	Diabetes Clinic	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8:00am – 12:40pm
	Specialty Clinic	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month	8:00am – 12:00MD
<b>Rabat</b>	Diabetes Clinic	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	8:00am – 12:40pm
	Specialty Clinic	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month	8:00am – 12:00MD

## Ear syringing

Ear syringing is carried out to remove wax from the ear using water. It is important that the client/patient applies the treatment prescribed to him/her and follows the directions given by the doctor prior to ear syringing. This service is by appointment and offered from the Health Centres as shown in Figure 7.

The client/patient needs to inform the doctor if:

- You have a perforated ear drum.
- You suffer from peanut allergy or any other allergy.
- You have a grommet (a small tube inserted by an ear specialist in your eardrum).
- You have been operated on the ear in the past.
- You suffer from vertigo (dizziness caused by problems originating from the ear balance mechanism).
- You are suffering from an ear infection.
- You have any other ear condition the doctor should know.
- You feel pain/dizziness at any time during the procedure.

*Documentation:*

Identification Card. Prescription Note and/or Referral Letter by GP.

**Figure 7: Ear Syringing**

Health Centre	Day (Not Public Holiday)	Time
<b>B'Kara</b>	Monday to Friday	10:00am – 10:40am
<b>Cospicua</b>	Monday to Friday	11:00am – 11:40am
<b>Floriana</b>	Monday to Friday	10:45am – 11:45am
<b>Gzira</b>	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	11:30am – 12:00MD
<b>Kirkop</b>	Monday and Friday	11:00am – 11:45am
<b>Mosta</b>	Monday to Friday	11:00am – 12:00MD
<b>Paola</b>	Monday to Friday	11:00am – 11:30am
<b>Qormi</b>	Monday to Friday	11:00am – 11:30am



<b>Rabat</b>	Monday to Friday	10:20am – 10:40am
<b>Victoria (Gozo)</b>	Monday to Sunday	7:00am – 8:00pm

### Medical Consultant Clinic (MCC)

The patients eligible for this medical consultation are those referred by the general practitioner (GP), either from the Health Centre or their private GP. An appointment is required for this clinic. Waiting time for an appointment is very volatile and varies from one Health Centre to another, depending on the demand in the catchment area. For more information regarding the opening times of the MCC, kindly refer to Figure 8.

The Medical Consultation Clinic entitles you to

- Provision of consultant medical opinion
- Referral to Schedule V clinic
- Access to all specialized investigations at Mater Dei Hospital, e.g. CT scans, MRI, Echocardiographs, etc.

*Documentation:*

Identification Card, Schedule V Card (if available), Appointment Card/ Appointment by SMS and in the case when you are attending the clinic for the first time a Referral Ticket by a GP is also needed.

**Figure 8: Medical Consultation Clinic at the Health Centres**

Health Centre	Day	Time	Important Notes
<b>B’Kara</b>	Monday (New cases) Monday (Follow-ups)	8:00am – 11:30am 11:30am – 3:15pm	
<b>Cospicua</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> , Monday of the month	8:00am – 11:30am	
<b>Floriana</b>	Wednesday (New cases) Thursday (Follow-ups)	8:00am – 11:00am 8:00am – 11:00am	Appointment will be sent by post/ appointment by SMS and patient informed by phone
<b>Gzira</b>	Tuesday and Friday	8:00am – 2:30pm	Both new cases and follow-ups
<b>Mosta</b>	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	8:00am – 1:15pm 8:00am – 12:00MD 8:00am – 11:45am	Includes also Sch. V prescription and follow-ups
<b>Paola</b>	Tuesday (Follow-ups) Friday (New Cases)	8:00am – 11:45am 8:00am – 11:30am	Paola caters for Kirkop catchment area
<b>Qormi</b>	Friday (New cases) Friday (Follow-ups)	8:00am – 11:00am 11:00am – 3:00pm	
<b>Rabat</b>	Thursday	8:00am – 3:30pm	

## Ophthalmic Services

You can be referred to the ophthalmic services by your private doctor, the Health Centre doctor, Diabetes Clinic or the hospital. School children may be referred by the School Health Services. For glaucoma screening, self-referral is also acceptable. Eye care services are by appointment and delivered according to the schedule at Figure 9.

### Documentation:

Identification Card, Pink Form (if available) and Schedule V Form (if available).

Figure 9: Ophthalmic Services

Health Centre (HC)	Service	Day	Time	Note
B'Kara	Refraction Clinic	Tuesday	8:00am – 12:00MD	
	Glaucoma Screening	Thursday	7:30am – 1:30pm	
	Diabetes Retinopathy	Friday	7:30am – 1:30pm	Service from Mosta Health Centre
Cospicua				Ophthalmic services from Paola HC
Floriana	Glaucoma Screening	Friday and Saturday	7:30am – 1:30pm	
	Glaucoma Clinic	Monday and Tuesday	7:30am – 1:30pm	
	Refraction Clinic	Monday and Wednesday	8:00am – 12:00MD	
	Diabetes Retinopathy	Wednesday & Thursday Saturday	7:30am – 1:30pm 7:30am – 12:30pm	Caters for Gzira, Qormi Paola, Cospicua and Rabat catchment areas
	Eye Screening Clinic	Wednesday	7:30am – 1:30pm	Caters for all the Maltese localities
Gzira	Refraction Clinic	Friday	8:00am – 12:00MD	From Floriana HC
	Glaucoma Screening	Wednesday	7:30am – 1:30pm	
	Diabetes Retinopathy	Tuesday	7:30am – 1:30pm	From Floriana HC
Kirkop	Refraction Clinic	Monday and Wednesday	8:00am – 12:00MD	
	Glaucoma Screening	Tuesday and Wednesday	7:30am – 1:30pm	From Paola HC
	Diabetes Retinopathy	Monday	7:30 – 1:30pm	From Floriana HC
Mosta	Glaucoma Screening	Wednesday	7:30 – 1:30pm	
	Glaucoma Clinic	Tuesday	7:30 – 1:30pm	
	Refraction Clinic	Monday and Thursday	8:00 – 12:00pm	
	Diabetes Retinopathy	Friday	7:30 – 1:30pm	Caters for Mosta, B'Kara and Rabat catchment areas
Paola	Refraction Clinic	Thursday and Friday	8:00 – 12:00MD	
	Glaucoma Screening	Tuesday and Wednesday	7:30 – 1:30pm	
	Diabetes Retinopathy	Monday	7:30 – 1:30pm	From Floriana HC
Qormi	Refraction Clinic	Thursday and Friday	8:00 – 12:00MD	
	Glaucoma Screening	Tuesday and Wednesday	7:30 – 1:30pm	
	Diabetes Retinopathy	Monday	7:30 – 1:30pm	From Floriana HC
Rabat				Ophthalmic services from Mosta/ Floriana HC

## Orthopaedic Clinic

This clinic opens in various Health Centres as indicated in Figure 10. Access is through appointment from Mater Dei Hospital.

### Documentation:

Identification Card/ Baby book, Referral Ticket/ Appointment Letter/ Appointment by SMS.

Figure 10: Orthopaedic Clinic opening schedule

Health Centre	Day	Time
Gzira	Thursday	12:00MD – 3:00pm
Mosta	Friday (Theatre) Friday (clinic) Alternate Saturday	7:30am – 12:00MD 12:00MD – 4:00pm 8:00am – 1:00pm
Paola	Wednesday	8:00am – 3:00pm
Qormi	Monday and Tuesday Wednesday	8:00am – 4:00pm 8:00am – 3:00pm

## Point of Care (POC)

This clinic is intended for patients that need treatment with warfarin for a very long time due to their medical condition. Patients may now benefit from INR testing in specialised clinics set up in the health centres themselves. During the visit, INR testing is done from a very small amount of blood taken from one of the fingers. The machines in use give the result in a few seconds. One may discuss any problems or queries with the doctor and is also given a prescription for warfarin there and then.

Patients that are chosen to make use of this service are the ones that have a stable INR level. They may not be suffering from any condition that may give rise to large variations in the INR reading. This service is given by appointment and provided from the health centres as in Figure 11.

### Documentation:

Documentation includes Identification Card and the Yellow ACC booklet

Figure 11: POC Clinic Times

Health Centre	Day	Time
B'Kara	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	8:00am – 10:20am
Cospicua	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	8:00am – 11:00am
Floriana	Monday to Friday	8:00am – 11:00am
Gzira	Monday to Friday	8:00am – 11:00am
Kirkop	Tuesday and Friday	8:00am – 11:00am
Mosta	Monday to Friday (not on Pub. Hol)	8:00am – 10:00am

<b>Paola</b>	Monday to Friday	8:10am – 11:50am
<b>Qormi</b>	Monday to Friday	7:00am – 10:00am
<b>Rabat</b>	Monday to Friday	8:00am – 10:30pm

## Schedule V Clinic

You can attend this clinic if you are entitled for free medication for the treatment and control of chronic medical conditions as listed in the Schedule V of the Social Security Act, and you need to either change the medical treatment or add new treatment to your medication list. Attendance to this clinic is by an appointment.

Schedule V cards issued from the Departments of Surgery, Gynaecology, Ophthalmology and Psychiatry at Mater Dei Hospital can only be renewed by the same Department and cannot be renewed at the Health Centre.

If you are still attending the Medical Outpatients Clinic at Mater Dei Hospital on a regular basis, your Schedule V card issue and renewal should be obtained from your consultant at the Medical Outpatient and not from the Health Centre.

For more information regarding the opening times for the Schedule V Clinic, kindly refer to Figure 12.

### **Documentation:**

Identification Card, Schedule V Card (if available), Appointment Card/ Appointment by SMS and in the case when you are attending the clinic for the first time a Referral Ticket by a GP is also needed.

**Figure 12: Schedule V Clinic at the Health Centres**

Health Centre	Day	Time
<b>B'Kara</b>	Every third Saturday	8:00am – 11:40am
<b>Cospicua</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Monday of the month	12:00MD – 12:50am
<b>Floriana</b>	Wednesday Thursday	11:30am – 11:45am 11:15am – 11:30am
<b>Gzira</b>	Thursday	8:00am – 11:00am
<b>Kirkop</b>		This service is offered from Floriana HC
<b>Mosta</b>	Tuesday Thursday	8:00am – 1:00pm 8:00am – 1:00pm
<b>Paola</b>	Tuesday Friday	12:00MD – 1:10pm 12:00MD – 1:25pm
<b>Qormi</b>	Every third Saturday	8:00am – 11:00am
<b>Rabat</b>	Every third Saturday	8:00am – 12:00MD
<b>Victoria (Gozo)</b>	Monday to Friday Saturday	8:00am – 7:30pm 8:00am – 12:00MD

### Ambulance Service

The ambulance service is available at Mosta Health Centre and Paola Health Centre from Monday to Sunday from 7:15am till 7:00pm. During the rest of the day, the service is covered from Mater Dei Hospital. The north and the south regions are covered from these two health centres respectively. For more details, please visit our website at <https://www.primaryhealthcare.gov.mt>.

### Bloodletting Service (venous)

If you are undergoing investigations and you need blood tests, then you are eligible for this service. Clients/ patients must have the blood investigation requests already ordered by their private general practitioner, Health Centre general practitioner or from hospitals.

This service is also offered to patients on anticoagulant treatment such as warfarin.

You will find more information about this service at Figure 13.

*Documentation:*

- *Blood investigations:* Identification Card and Referral Letter from a GP
- *Patients on anticoagulant treatment:* Identification Card and Anticoagulant Booklet

**Figure 13: Bloodletting time schedules**

Health Centre	Service	Day	Time
<b>B'Kara</b>	Blood investigations	Monday to Saturday	7:15am – 8:30am
	INR (On anticoagulant treatment)	Monday to Friday	7:15am – 8:30am
<b>Cospicua</b>	Blood investigations	Monday to Saturday	7:00am – 9:00am
	INR (On anticoagulant treatment)	Monday to Friday	7:00am – 9:00am
<b>Floriana</b>	Blood investigations	Monday to Friday Saturday	7:30am – 9:45am 7:30M – 9:00am
	INR (On anticoagulant treatment)	Monday to Friday Saturday	7:30am – 9:45am 7:30M – 9:00am
<b>Gzira</b>	Blood investigations	Monday to Saturday	7:00am – 10:00am
	INR (On anticoagulant treatment)	Monday to Saturday	7:00am – 10:00am
<b>Kirkop</b>	Blood investigations	Monday to Friday	7:00am – 10:00am
	INR (On anticoagulant treatment)	Monday to Friday	7:30am – 9:00am
<b>Mosta</b>	Blood investigations	Monday to Sunday & Public Holidays	7:15am – 9:30am
	INR (On anticoagulant treatment)	Monday to Friday	7:30am – 9:30am
<b>Paola</b>	Blood investigations	Monday to Saturday	7:30am – 8:30am
	INR (On anticoagulant treatment)	Monday to Friday	7:30am – 8:30am

<b>Qormi</b>	Blood investigations	Monday to Saturday (not on Pub. Hol.)	7:15am – 9:30am
	INR (On anticoagulant treatment)	Monday to Friday	7:30am – 8:30am
<b>Rabat</b>	Blood investigations	Monday to Saturday	7:15am – 8:45am
	INR (On anticoagulant treatment)	Monday to Friday	7:15am – 8:45am
<b>Victoria (Gozo)</b>	Blood investigations	Monday to Saturday	8:00am – 10:00am
	INR (On anticoagulant treatment)	Monday to Saturday	8:00am – 10:00am

### Chronic Kidney Disease Prevention Clinic (CKDPC)

The principal aim of this clinic is to educate and monitor patients with established early kidney disease and so preventing further deterioration of their condition. Access to this service is by appointment. For more information refer to Figure 14.

*Documentation:*

Identification Card/ Baby book and Referral Ticket by a GP

**Figure 14: Kidney Disease Prevention Management Clinics**

Health Centre	Day	Time
<b>Kirkop</b>	Sundays and Public Holidays	8:00am – 12:00MD
<b>Paola</b>	Monday, Friday & Alt Sunday	7:00am – 3:00pm
<b>Qormi</b>	Thursday and Alternate Sunday	7:00am – 3:00pm

### Fibromyalgia Clinic

One finds this clinic at Floriana Health Centre and patients are referred to this clinic by an appointment from Mater Dei Hospital. It opens every Friday during alternating times, that is 1:00pm to 5:00pm and 2:00pm to 6:00pm.

*Documentation:*

Identification Card/ Baby book.

### Immunisation Services

An Immunisation Clinic can be found in every Health Centre from where immunisation to children from 6 weeks to 16 years are administered. This service is by appointment and not offered on Sunday and Public Holiday. A Schedule of the opening hours is at Figure 15.

*Documentation:*

The Baby Book and parent/guardian Identification Card.

Travelling vaccinations and advice are also offered to travellers from the Immunisation Clinics at Floriana and Victoria (Gozo) Health Centres.

*Documentation:*

In case of children and adolescents, the Baby Book and the Identification Card of the parent/guardian are required. In case of adults the Identification Card and Immunisation Records are required.

**Figure 15: Immunisation Clinics opening hours**

Health Centre	Day	Time
B'Kara	Monday and Thursday	7:30am – 1:30pm
Cospicua	Tuesday and Thursday Alternate Saturday	7:30am – 1:30pm 7:30am – 12:00MD
Floriana	Monday to Friday Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Saturday	7:30am – 1:30pm 2:30pm – 7:00pm 7:30am – 12:00MD
Gzira	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Alternate Saturday	7:30am – 1:30pm 7:30am – 12:00MD
Kirkop	Tuesday and Friday	7:30am – 1:30pm
Mosta	Monday to Friday Tuesday Saturday	7:30am – 1:30pm 2:30pm – 7:00pm 7:30am – 12:00MD
Paola	Monday to Friday Wednesday Saturday	7:30am – 1:30pm 2:30pm – 7:00pm 7:30am – 12:00MD
Qormi	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday Alternate Saturday	7:30am – 1:30pm 7:30am – 12:00MD
Rabat	Monday and alternate Thursday Alternate Saturday	7:30am – 1:30pm 7:30am – 12:00MD
Vittoria (Gozo)	Monday to Friday Alternate Saturday with Sunday	7:00am – 1:30pm 7:00am – 7:00pm

The purpose of this clinic is to carry out individualised health needs assessment to adult persons (18 years of age and older) to identify the risks to person’s health. You need to do an appointment to assess this clinic. Lifestyle clinics are carried out in the Health Centres (B’Kara, Qormi, Mosta, Paola, Rabat) and Community Clinics (Msida, San Gwann, Attard, Pieta’, Zurrieq, Gudja, Tarxien, Zabbar, Siggiewi) during varying times. To set an appointment you may either phone the Call Centre on 21231231, send an email to [customeercare.phc@gov.mt](mailto:customeercare.phc@gov.mt) or leave a message on the Primary Health Care Department Malta Facebook page or on the Lifestyle Clinics Primary Health Care Department Facebook page.

*Documentation:*

Identification Card/ Baby book.

## Plaster Service

Plaster application may be advised by the Health Centre General Practitioner following an X-Ray. Plaster service is delivered according to schedule at Figure 16.

**Figure 16: Orthopaedic Clinic opening schedule**

Health Centre	Day	Time
Floriana	Monday to Saturday	8:00am – 7:00pm
Gzira	Monday to Saturday	8:00am – 2:00pm
Mosta	Monday to Sunday	24 hours
Paola	Monday to Saturday	8:00am – 7:30pm
Qormi	Monday to Saturday	8:00am – 2:00pm

## Port-a-cath management Clinic

The client is referred to this service by the Medical Doctor from SAMOC. Subsequent appointments are made at the Health Centre. This service includes the maintenance of port-a-caths by flushing the catheter with heparin to ensure patency of the line. Service is provided by appointment to all patients from the Health Centres shown in Figure 17.

*Documentation:*

Information booklet provided from SAMOC.

**Figure 17: Port-a-cath Management Clinics**

Health Centre	Day	Time
B’Kara	Sunday	8:00am – 11:30am
Cospicua	Sunday	8:00am – 11:30am
Rabat	Sunday	8:30am – 11:30am

## Scoliosis Review Clinic



This clinic is at Floriana Health Centre and is for children and adolescents with mild scoliosis. It opens on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00pm till 7:00pm. Access to this clinic is by appointment from GP or School Health Service.

*Documentation:*

Identification Card/ Booklet and Referral Ticket

## Theatre

Patients are referred from Mater Dei Hospital and Dermatology, Boffa Hospital, to Mosta Health Centre for minor surgical interventions as in Figure 18. The theatre operates through an appointment system.

*Documentation:*

Identification Card/ Baby Book.

**Figure 18: Theatre Sessions**

Consultant	Day	Time
Ms. Sultana (surgical)	Monday	7:30am – 12:00MD
Mr. Schembri (surgical)	Monday	2:00pm – 6:00pm
Mr. Cini (surgical) alternating with Mr. Farrugia (ophthalmic: Avastin Inj.)	Tuesday	7:30am – 12:00M
Ms. Portelli (gynae) alternating with Mr. Pace (gynae)	Wednesday	7:30am – 12:00MD
Mr. Ellul (surgical) alternating with Mr. Andrejevic (surgical)	Thursday	7:30am – 12:00MD
Dr. Livori/ Dr. Grixti (dermatology)	Thursday and Friday	3:00pm – 7:00pm
Mr. Sultana (orthopedic)	Friday	7:30am – 12:00MD
Ophthalmologist (Avastin Inj.)	Saturday	7:30am – 12:00MD

## Treatment Room Services

Due to the busy schedule of services that are delivered by nurses from the **Treatment Room** on a daily basis (for opening times see Figure 1), different time slots are given to patients/clients to manage more resourcefully the various services. Most of the services are offered by appointment, such as changing of dressing, wound management, leg ulcer care, removal of sutures, administration of injection etc. If the client/ patient is accessing one of these services for the first time, it is advised that s/he enquires how to make use of the service by phoning the Client Support Centre on 21231231. Other services, mainly of an emergency nature, can be accessed without an appointment.

It is therefore very important for a client/ patient accessing a specific service at the Treatment Room to comply with the appointment given. In case of any query one can always phone the Client Support Centre for further assistance.

An emergency case may need the assistance of a GP. For this reason, it is also important to note the times when the GP is on duty at the Health Centre (see Figure 3).

*Documentation:*

One or more of the following: Identification Card, Discharge Letter, Treatment Card/ Notes (e.g from Tissue Viability Unit, Boffa Hospital, MDH) and/or Referral Letter from a GP.

## Well Baby Clinic

The Well Baby Clinic serves the purpose of clinical examinations and developmental assessments for babies between the ages of 6 weeks and 18 months. Three routine visits are carried out at 6 - 10 weeks, 8 months, and 18 months respectively. This service is also offered to babies born in private hospitals or at home. In this case, parents are requested to set an appointment at the Well Baby Clinic, Floriana Health Centre on 25680228. For more information view (Figure 19).

*Documentation:*

Baby Book, parent/guardian Identification Card or Passport and the Appointment letter/ Appointment by SMS

**Figure 19: Well Baby Clinics opening hours**

Health Centre	Time	Note
B'Kara	8:00am – 1:40pm	Specific Clinics * according to demand
Floriana	8:00am – 6:30pm	Specific Clinics * according to demand
Kirkop	8:00am – 1:40pm	Specific Clinics * according to demand
Mosta	8:00am – 6:30pm	Specific Clinics * according to demand
Paola	8:00am – 6:30pm	Specific Clinics * according to demand
Qormi	8:00am – 1:40pm	Specific Clinics * according to demand
Rabat	8:00am – 1:40pm	Specific Clinics * according to demand

## Well Woman Clinics

These clinics include Gynaecology, Antenatal, Postnatal and Maternity Health Needs Assessment, including Peri-Natal Mental Health. All these clinics are run by an appointment system according to schedule at Figure 20.

*Documentation:*

*Gynaecology Clinics:* Identification Card and Referral Ticked by a GP.

*Antenatal Clinics, Postnatal Clinics and Maternity Health Needs Assessment Clinics:* The Identification Card and Co-op Card (blue antenatal card).

Figure 20: Well Woman Clinics opening hours

Health Centre	Woman Wellbeing Clinics	Day	Time
<b>B’Kara</b>	Antenatal & Postnatal Clinic	Alternate Fridays	8:00am – 11:45am
	Gynaecology Clinic	Alternate Fridays	11:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Cospicua</b>	Antenatal & Postnatal Clinic	Alternate Saturdays	8:00am – 11:45am
	Gynaecology Clinic	Alternate Saturdays	11:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Floriana</b>	Antenatal & Postnatal Clinic	Tuesday	8:00am – 11:45am
	Gynaecology Clinic	Tuesday	11:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Gzira</b>	Antenatal & Postnatal Clinic	Thursday	8:00am – 11:45am
	Gynaecology Clinic	Thursday	11:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Kirkop</b>	Antenatal & Postnatal Clinic	Monday	8:00am – 11:45am
	Gynaecology Clinic	Monday	11:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Mosta</b>	Antenatal & Postnatal Clinic	Monday	8:00am – 11:45am
	Gynaecology Clinic	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	11:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Paola</b>	Antenatal & Postnatal Clinic	Wednesday	8:00am – 11:45am
	Gynaecology Clinic	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	11:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Qormi</b>	Antenatal & Postnatal Clinic	Alternate Friday	8:00am – 11:45am
	Gynaecology Clinic	Alternate Friday	11:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Rabat</b>	Perinatal Clinic	Alternate Thursday	8:00am – 11:45am

### Dietetic Service

Based on one to one consultation whereby a meal plan is drawn up centred around the patient's dietary needs, health conditions and cooking skills. The clinic is run by an appointment system.

*Documentation:*

The Identification Card/ Baby Book and referral ticket by GP.

The service can be accessed from Cospicua and Rabat Health Centres to cover the South and North regions respectively as can be seen in Figure 21.

**Figure 21: Provision of a Dietetic Service**

Health Centre	Day	Time
Cospicua	Monday, Thursday, and Friday	8:00am – 1:00pm
Rabat	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday	8:00am – 1:00pm

### Electric Cardiogram (ECG)

You are referred for an ECG by your doctor, the Health Centre doctor or MCC consultant. ECGs are taken by appointment. For more information, please refer to Figure 22.

*Documentation:*

The Identification Card, Referral Ticket by your private doctor or ECG Request Form and Appointment Card/ Appointment by SMS.

**Figure 22: Provision of ECG Clinics and opening hours**

Health Centre	Day	Time
B'Kara	Alternate Mondays	7:30am – 1:15pm
Cospicua	Alternate Mondays	7:45am – 12:45am
Floriana	Alternate Wednesdays	8:00am – 2:00pm
Gzira	Alternate Tuesdays	8:00am – 2:00pm
Kirkop	Alternate Wednesdays	7:45am – 12:45pm
Mosta	Thursday	8:00am – 6:00pm
Paola	Friday	8:30am – 12:45pm

<b>Qormi</b>	Alternate Saturdays	8:30am – 1:00pm
<b>Rabat</b>	Alternate Saturdays	8:00am – 12:00MD

## Medical Digital Imaging (X-Ray)

You are referred for an x-ray by your private doctor or the Health Centre doctor. This service is mainly delivered at request and on rare occasions by appointment. The service is available during the opening hours of the unit as shown in Figure 23.

**Note:** After respective daily closure of the X-Ray units within Health Centres, patients are to be referred to the closest X-Ray Unit still in service. After 7.30pm, all patients requiring X-Rays are to be referred to Mosta Health Centre by the General Practitioner/ Private Doctor unless advised to go to Mater Dei.

*Documentation:*

The Identification Card, the 'Private Family Doctor X-Ray Request Form' (on-line via MyHealth) if referred by your private doctor or Request Form/ Note if ordered by the Health Centre doctor.

**Figure 23: Provision of X-Ray service and opening hours**

Health Centre	Day	Time
<b>B'Kara</b>	Make use of X-Ray service at Mosta HC	
<b>Cospicua</b>	Make use of X-Ray service at Paola HC	
<b>Floriana</b>	Monday – Saturday	8:00am – 7:00pm
<b>Gzira</b>	Monday - Saturday	8:00am – 2:00pm
<b>Kirkop</b>	Make use of X-Ray service at Paola HC	
<b>Mosta</b>	Monday to Sunday & Pub. Hol.	24 hours
<b>Paola</b>	Monday – Saturday	8:00am – 7:30pm
<b>Qormi</b>	Monday – Saturday	8:00am – 2:00pm
<b>Rabat</b>	Make use of X-Ray service at Mosta HC	
<b>Vittoria (Gozo)</b>	Gozo General Hospital (GGH)	

## Nutrition Services

Nutrition services are offered to promote healthy lifestyles throughout the life-course. An appointment is required to access this service. For an appointment with the nutritionist, kindly phone the Client Support Centre on 21231231

*Documentation:*

The Identification Card/ Baby Book and Referral Ticket by a GP.

## Physiotherapy Services

The physiotherapy clinics are equipped to mainly treat and manage patients who present with a variety of musculoskeletal disorders of an acute or chronic nature. An appointment is needed to access these services. Refer to Figure 24 for more information on physiotherapy services.

*Documentation:*

The Identification Card, a Referral Ticket from a private doctor or a Health Centre doctor.

**Figure 24: Provision of physiotherapy services**

Health Centre	Service	Day	Time
<b>B'Kara</b>	Muscol-skeletal conditions and facial palsy	Monday – Friday Alternate Saturday Thursday	7:30am – 3:00pm 7:30am – 12:30pm 3:00pm – 7:00pm
	Physical activity and movement classes	Tuesday	10:00am – 11:00am
	Weight loss exercise classes	Friday	12:00MD – 1:00pm
	Adult Down Syndrome exercise classes	Monthly Tuesday	10:00am – 11:00am
	Back care educational programme for school children		
	Educational Talks on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Active Ageing Talks</li> </ul>		
<b>Cospicua</b>	Musculo-skeletal conditions and facial palsy	Monday – Friday Alternate Saturday	7:30am – 3:00pm 7:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Floriana</b>	Musculo-skeletal conditions and facial palsy	Monday – Friday Alternate Saturday Monday and Tuesday	7:30am – 3:00pm 7:30am – 12:30pm 3:00pm – 7:00pm
<b>Kirkop</b>	Musculo-skeletal and facial palsy	Monday – Friday Alternate Saturday	7:30am – 3:00pm 7:30am – 12:30pm 3:30pm – 7:30pm
	AFM sessions	Monday	
<b>Mosta</b>	Musculo-skeletal conditions and facial palsy	Monday – Friday Alternate Saturday Wednesday	7:30am – 3:00pm 7:30am – 12:30pm 3:00pm – 7:00pm
<b>Paola</b>	Muscol-skeletal conditions and facial palsy	Monday – Friday	7:30am – 3:00pm
		Alternate Saturday	7:30am – 12:30pm
		Thursday	4:00pm – 8:00pm
		Fortnightly Friday	4:30pm – 8:30pm

	Adult back care talks		
<b>Zejtun community clinic (Berga)</b>	Musculo-skeletal conditions and facial palsy	Monday – Friday Alternate Saturday	7:30am – 3:00pm 7:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Qormi</b>	Musculo-skeletal conditions and facial palsy	Monday – Friday Alternate Saturday	7:30am – 3:00pm 7:30am – 12:30pm

## Podiatry Services

Podiatry services focus on the preventive care and treatment of foot conditions. Services are offered by appointment from various health centres and Community Clinics. Details of services delivered from the health centres are available in Figure 25.

*Documentation:*

The Identification Card and a Referral Ticket when attending to the vascular clinic and the Identification Card/ Baby Book if attending to the paediatric clinic

**Figure 25: Provision of podiatry services**

Health Centre	Service	Description of Service	Day	Time
B'Kara	Core list	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Monday to Friday Monday Saturday	8:00am – 1:40pm 3:15pm – 6:10pm 7:30am – 11:40pm
	Biomechanics & Gait Analysis	Gait analysis and other biomechanical issues & injuries (via referral)	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday Wednesday & Friday	8.00am – 1.00pm 8.00am – 11.00am
	Vascular Screening Clinic	Any pathologies related to vascular insufficiency of the lower limb (via referral)	Monday – Friday	8.00am – 1.00pm
	Nail evulsion surgery	Total or partial removal of nail by surgical intervention (via referral)	Monday & Thursday	8:00am – 10:00am
	Podopaediatrics	Any type of children's foot pathology (below 16 years of age)	Tuesday & Thursday Wednesday	7:30am – 2:00pm 7.30am – 4.00pm
Cospicua	Core list	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Monday to Friday Saturday	7.300am – 1:10pm 8:00am – 12:30pm
Floriana	Core list	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Monday to Friday Monday & Tuesday Saturday	7:30am – 1:15pm 3.30pm – 6:10pm 7.30am – 11:40pm
Kirkop	Core list	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Monday to Friday Saturday	7:30am – 1:40pm 7.30pm – 11.40am
Mosta	Core list	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Monday to Friday Tuesday Saturday	7:30am – 1.40pm 3.00pm – 4.30pm 8:00am – 12:10pm
Paola	Core list	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Monday to Friday Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Saturday	7:30am – 1:10pm 3.30pm – 18.10pm 7:30am – 11.40am
	Vascular Screening Clinic	Any pathologies related to vascular insufficiency of the lower limb (via referral)	Monday & Wednesday	7:30am – 12.30pm
	Sports Clinic	Assessments of the sports patient (via referral)	Thursday	8.00am – 11.00am
Qormi	Core list	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Monday to Friday Monday to Thursday Saturday	7:30am – 1:30pm 3:30pm – 6:00pm 7:30am – 12:00pm
Rabat	Core list	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Monday to Friday Wednesday	7:30am – 1:30pm 3:00pm – 4:40pm

			Saturday	7.30am – 11.40pm
	Sports Clinic	Assessments of the sports patient (via referral)	Friday	8.00am – 12.30pm
Pieta' District Clinic	Core list	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	8:00am – 1:40pm
Zurrieq District Clinic	Core list	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	7.30am – 1:10pm
Fgura District Clinic	Core List	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Monday & Friday	7:30am – 1:10pm
Zejtun District Clinic	Core List	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	7:30am – 1:10pm
Attard District Clinic	Core List	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Monday to Friday	7:30am – 1.10pm
Għaxaq District Clinic	Core List	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Thursday	7:30am – 1:10pm
Mellieha District Clinic	Core List	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Tuesday & Friday	7.30am – 1.10pm
M'xlokk Distric Clinic	Core List	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Monday, Thursday & Friday	7.30 – 1.10pm
Gudja District Clinic	Core List	Any type of adult foot pathology (above 16 years of age)	Tuesday	8.00am – 1.40pm

### Social Worker Service

This service is offered to persons who are experiencing any form of social difficulties, including relationship problems, poverty, and substance misuse/abuse amongst others (Figure 26). The social worker can be a liaison/referral person to other professionals and services.

*Documentation:*

The Identification Card/ Baby Book and Referral Ticket.

Figure 26: Provision of a Dietetic Service

Health Centre	Day	Time
B'Kara	Tuesday and Friday	7:30am – 4:00pm
Cospicua	Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday	7:30am – 4:00pm

### Speech Language Centre

These services focus on problems related to communication, language and swallowing difficulties. Services are offered by appointment and delivered from various sites, such as, Health Centres, Community Clinics (Bereg), schools or in the home as recommended by the speech language pathologist. Such services include:

- Language delay and impairments;
- Difficulties in speech production (articulation, phonology and intelligibility);
- Communication difficulties associated with hearing and sensory impairments;



- Communication problems associated with learning disability, autism spectrum disorder and syndromes;
- Fluency problems
- Reading and writing difficulties related to specific learning difficulties;
- Voice disorders, including dysphonia and laryngectomy;
- Neurological conditions (e.g. head injuries; stroke and conditions such as Parkinson's, Huntington's and Dementia);
- Swallowing difficulties (both children and adults).

Opening hours of services in Health Centres in Figure 27.

*Documentation:*

Identification Card/ Baby Book and Referral Ticket.

**Figure 27: Provision of speech language pathology services**

Health Centre	Day	Time
<b>B'Kara</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday Thursday	7:30am –3:30pm 7:30am – 2:30pm
<b>Cospicua</b>	Monday - Friday	7:30am –3:30pm
<b>Floriana</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Thursday	7:30am – 12:30pm 7:30am – 2:30pm
<b>Gzira</b>	Monday - Friday	7:30am – 3:30pm
<b>Kirkop</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	7:30am –3:30pm
<b>Mosta</b>	Monday – Friday	7:30am –3:30pm
<b>Paola</b>	Monday – Friday	7:30am –3:30pm
<b>Qormi</b>	Monday – Friday	7:30am –3:30pm
<b>Rabat</b>	Monday – Friday	7:30am –3:30pm

### Telemedicine

Telemedicine provides clients with on-line health information/services, through Telemedicine Client Support Centre on telephone number 212224444. It operates 24 hours daily, from Monday to Sunday including Public Holidays. At present Telemedicine offers medical and nursing services but will soon expand to include the service of other health professionals, such as, speech language pathologists, podiatrists, physiotherapists, and medical consultants. Currently Telemedicine offers:

- Medical advice to patients
- Reassurance for patients' symptomatology
- Follow-up service for clients on quarantine protocols
- Guidance to patients to access all services currently available in our community and
- Vetting of domiciliary visits by liaising with the Health Centre doctors.
- Management of COVID-19 positive patients in the community

### Chest Clinic

The Chest Clinic is organised and managed by professional staff from the Public Health Unit and is situated at Qormi Health Centre. Patients require an appointment to be seen. The Chest Clinic opens from Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 1:00pm excluding Public Holidays.

*Documentation:*

Identification Card, Treatment Card and Referral Ticket.

### Dementia Clinic

Patients are referred to this clinic from Geriatric Outpatients. An appointment is required to access the Dementia clinic. Service is offered at **Floriana Health Centre** on **Friday** from **12:00MD to 4:00pm**.

*Documentation:*

Identification Card, Treatment Card and Referral ticket.

### Psychiatric Clinic

This clinic is organised and managed by professional staff from Mount Carmel Hospital. An appointment is required to attend the psychiatric clinic. Clinic days available at Figure 28.

*Documentation:*

Identification Card and Psychiatric Referral Letter.

**Figure 28: Psychiatric Clinics**

Health Centre	Service	Day	Time
<b>Cospicua</b>	Psychiatry/ Psychology	Monday to Thursday	7:00am – 5:00pm
<b>Gzira</b>	Psychiatry/ Psychology	Alternate Wednesday	8:00am – 2:00pm
<b>Kirkop</b>	Psychology	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	8:00 – 1:00pm
<b>Mosta</b>	Psychiatry/ Psychology	Monday to Thursday and alternate Sunday	8:30am – 11:40am
<b>Qormi</b>	Psychology Social Worker Service Psychiatry	Monday to Thursday Monday to Thursday Sunday to Thursday	7:00am – 5:30pm 7:00am – 5:30pm 7:00am – 5:30pm

## Sports and Exercise Clinic

This clinic is organised and managed by professional staff from Mater Dei Hospital. You can attend this clinic by appointment and if you suffer from specific sports and exercise medical conditions (refer to PHC website). Figure 29 shows clinic opening times.

*Documentation:*

Identification card/ Baby book and Referral Ticket.

**Figure 29: Sports and Exercise Clinic Times**

Health Centre	Day	Time
B'Kara	Alternate Wednesday	8:20am – 1:20pm
Qormi	Alternate Wednesday	8:20am – 1:20pm

## Tobacco Cessation Clinic

This clinic is organised and managed by professional staff from the Health Promotion Unit. To access the tobacco cessation clinic an appointment is required. Refer to Figure 30.

*Documentation:*

Identification card/ Baby book.

**Figure 30: Tobacco Cessation Clinic Times**

Health Centre	Day	Time
Floriana	Wednesday	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Mosta	Tuesday	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Gzira	No fixed day	5:00pm – 7:00pm

### Acupuncture

Acupuncture is a specific treatment for painful syndrome, disorder of internal organs and other conditions. The clinic is located at Corradino Heights and is run by an appointment system. It operates according to Figure 31.

*Documentation:*

Identification card and other relevant documents such as investigation results.

Figure 31: Acupuncture opening schedule

Day	Time
Monday to Saturday	8:30am – 12:30pm
Monday to Friday	3:00pm – 6:30pm

### Bloodletting for Donation Clinic

Regular blood donation sessions are carried out at Xewkija Community Clinic (Berga), Gozo, A team of professionals from the Blood Bank organise and offer this service.

*Documentation:*

Identification card/ Baby book

### Migrant Health Liaison Office

This office was established in view of the large influx of irregular immigrants arriving to Malta. The aim of this office is to help the migrants orientate themselves to our health care system to be able to seek support for their health needs, overcome language barriers and other challenges.

The objectives of the unit are:

- Liaising with government departments, agencies and other entities to address issues pertaining to migrant health
- Provision of health education sessions to migrants in open centres
- Assisting migrants in accessing health care through the right channels
- Delivery of the Training Programme for Cultural Mediators in Health Care
- In-service studies
- Education and training for health and social care professionals and university students on the topic of Cultural Issues in Health Care, Female Genital Mutilation, human trafficking, etc.
- Provision of translated materials (booklets and posters) for migrants on health topics
- Participation in EU programmes, seminars and workshops on the issue of migration and health

## National Screening Programme Unit

The National Screening Programme Unit carry out screening for breast cancer, colorectal cancer and cervix cancer. Most of the clients are identified and contacted to participate in the screening programme by the Unit staff. Otherwise, an appointment is required to access any of the screening services. For more details, please visit our website at <https://www.primaryhealthcare.gov.mt>. Figure 32 shows how the Unit operates:

*Documentation:*

Identification card, Driving Licence or Passport for Maltese and EU citizens and, copy of any previous mammographic images.

Figure 32: Screening schedule

Screening	Service	Day	Time
Breast	Mammogram Clinic	Monday to Friday Tuesday Saturday (monthly)	8:00pm – 2:00pm 12:30pm – 4:30pm 8:00pm – 1:30pm
	Recall clinic	Wednesday	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Colorectal	Screening	Monday to Friday	8:00pm – 2:00pm
	Follow-Up	Monday to Friday	8:00pm – 2:00pm
Cervical	Screening: Mosta & Kirkop HCs	Monday	11:30am – 12:30pm
	Floriana	Tuesday	11:30am – 12:30pm
	Paola	Wednesday	11:30am – 12:30pm
	Gzira	Thursday	11:30am – 12:30pm
	Alternate Qormi/ B'Kara	Friday	11:30am – 12:30pm
	Cospicua	Alternate Saturday	11:30am – 12:30pm
	Gozo General Hospital	Sunday	11:30am – 12:30pm

## Occupational Health (Medical) Unit

This Unit provides a medical service to public service employees (governmental, ministerial, corporations and authorities). Appointment to access the service must be done through direct request to the OHU by the responsible and authorised, relevant office. Service provision request from the Private Sector/ individuals is **not** accepted. The Unit opens from **Monday to Friday** between **8:00am and 1:00pm**.

*Documentation:*

Identification card/ Baby book.

## Pharmacy

There are two pharmacies which are situated at Floriana and Paola within the respective Health Centre (Figure 33). Clients can opt to go to the pharmacy of their preference. All Schedule 2 holder (old pink card), staff, armed forces and Third Country Nationals can be supplied with acute treatments. New Schedule V holders can be provided with one-month supply of medicine, if not yet registered with a private pharmacy, on a one-time basis only.

### *Documentation:*

Identification card, new Schedule V, valid Schedule 2, POYC vouchers and prescriptions.

**Figure 33: Pharmacy opening schedule**

Health Centre	Day	Time
Floriana	Monday to Friday	7:45am – 2:00pm
	Saturday	7:45am – 12:00MD
	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	3:15pm – 5:15pm
Paola	Monday to Friday	7:45am – 2:00pm
	Saturday	7:45am – 12:00MD
	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	3:15pm – 5:15pm

## School Health Services

The School Health Service consists of a team of doctors and nurses who provide monitoring of primary child health and well-being as well as preventive care services in all State and Church Schools in Malta and Gozo.

The emphasis is on the early detection of developmental, growth, sensory and learning problems as well as physical disorders. To this end, pre-school developmental assessments are carried out before school entry, that is, at pre-Kindergarten level. These assessments, which are carried out in the parents' presence, involve taking a medical and family history, conducting a language, physical and social development assessment, height and weight measurement, as well as checking of vaccination records.

### *Documentation:*

Baby book, Consent Form from parent/ legal guardian, any other relevant documentation.

## 4. Help Us to Help You

Our commitment depends on your support. We depend on you to:

- Do an appointment if this is indicated
  - Be punctual for your appointment
  - Inform the Clinic if you can't keep the appointment
  - Bring identification records and any other documents as indicated
  - Give the clinician all the details about your condition, any illnesses you may have had, past hospitalization, any medication being taking, any allergies and any other matter relating to your health.
  - Report unexpected changes in your condition to the clinician
  - Asking the clinician to explain again if you haven't fully understood the recommended course of action
  - Following the treatment plan recommended by the clinician
  - Taking responsibility for your actions if you refuse treatment or do not follow the clinician's instructions
- *Provide feedback:* Our service is provided by a dedicated team of professionals but despite our best intentions we know that there is always room for improvement. We depend on you to point this out so that we can do better;
  - Communicate with us clearly and concisely in either Maltese or English;
  - Treat our staff with the courtesy and respect that they deserve and with which you yourself should rightly expect to be treated



## 5. Feedback & Complaints

We are committed to a 'Service of Excellence' and strive to bring about a continuous improvement of our service to you. We appreciate your feedback and any form of constructive criticism is very welcome as it would help us improve our services.

If you believe that we have made an error and/or that our staff has acted improperly or without the due level of care and attention, please contact us. In we would need your name and ID number together with dates and times of the incident so as to be able to investigate properly and come back to you. If you wish to remain anonymous, we would respect that, but the investigation would be limited, and we would not be able to give any feedback.

Feedback and complaints may be submitted through the following channels:

» Online:

by accessing our website at <http://www.primaryhealthcare.gov.mt> or by calling on 21231231/ 25576100.

» In person:

By calling the Administration of the relevant health centre or at the Client Support Centre in the address provided below

Client Support  
Primary HealthCare  
Oxford Centre F74  
Technopark  
Mosta  
MST 3000

» In writing: By sending your complaint in the address provided above

When making a complaint you should:

- » Provides us with your full name and ID card/ passport number, telephone/ mobile number (for feedback) and e-mail address if available (unless you wish to remain anonymous) and the place, date and time the incident happened.
- » Specify what the problem/case is, being as concise as possible; and
- » Provide any additional information that you think may help us in our investigation to resolve your complaint.

When addressing complaints, we will:

- » Guarantee your confidentiality within the circle of the investigating team but obviously your personal details may be needed to ask staff for statements so as to be able to relate to the incident;

- » Refer your case to the Client Support Centre and will send you an acknowledgement within 2 working days;
- » Carry out an investigation on the problem / case and conclude this as speedily as possible. If the requested information entails that an investigation needs to be undertaken, then the earliest we can give you feedback is after 10 working days where we will also inform you if the case has been concluded or that the investigating board needs more time. The customer care team will keep you updated about the progress.
- » We will contact you with a report on our investigation into your complaint in no later than two weeks unless we would inform you beforehand that we need more time for investigation

If you are not satisfied with how your complaint was handled you have the option of escalating your grievance through other channels such as the Ombudsman, the Malta Arbitration Board or the Courts of Malta.

## 6. Commitment to Continuous Improvement

With the aim of a Service of Excellence and continuous improvement in mind this Charter will be reviewed at least once every 12 months to measure our performance in terms of the standards set out in this Charter as well as how we meet your expectations.

The review process will be based on:

- Assessment based on the Malta Public Service - Quality Customer Service Guiding Principles
- Government policy
- Operational data (e.g. services offered, service delivery, etc.)
- Benchmarking
- Iso Certification 9001:2015 QMS
- Feedback
- Complaints
- Quality Service audits
- Mystery shopper programme

The results of the internal review process will be published and used as a basis for improving our service.

Quality of service standards relative to the services provided will be monitored and measured by an external governmental third-party. The results of such monitoring will be published in an annual report compiled by the People & Standards Division (Office of the Prime Minister). Such results will be the basis for the overall service improvement.