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Patients' Rights in Malta

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Outline

- The Nurse of the Mediterranean
- The Patients' Rights Project
- What is in store for the future?



The Nurse of the Mediterranean

- Total land area 315 Km²
 - Total population +400,000
 - Republic since 1974 & EU member since 2004
 - Attractive Naval base since Pre-history
 - Hospital services since the 14th Century, Naval Hospital in 17th Century till 2nd World War
 - Free comprehensive health care for all since 1980, Mater Dei Hospital (2008) and Sir Anthony Mamo Oncology Centre (2015)
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The Patients' Rights Project

▶ 2016 Active Discussions with Ministry of Health to see that the promised Charter of Patients' rights and responsibilities is published.
Patient Advocacy training sessions for Persons with Mental Health Problems and their carers

▶ 2013 Health Act (Act 11) listed 9 principles under Patients' Rights and Safety with a promise that a Charter will be launched within 2 years from enactment of act

▶ 2012 Mental Health Act 525 introduced list of 19 Rights for Mental Health patients and their carers.
Established Commissioner to safeguard the Rights for Mental Patients

▶ 2008 MHN joined Active Citizenship Network to start awareness on the European Charter of Patients' Rights

▶ 2007 Malta Health Network (MHN) Set up with 17 founder members. To Date we have doubled this. Mainly patient representative groups, support groups, health professionals and health related associations .



What is in store for the future?

- Strengthening the good relationship with all local stakeholders: Health Authorities, Politicians, MEPs, Ombudsman.
- Strengthen our membership and organize patient advocacy and awareness events
- Strengthen partnerships with European and International Entities
- Contribute to the consultation on implementation of the Maltese Charter of Patients' Rights and responsibilities



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