

## **STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION**

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The Opposition has received complaints from members of the public that the waiting areas in the Primary Care Centre are being painted while there are patients there, including babies and children, still waiting to be seen.

This means that there is a strong smell of wet paint and that patients, staff and others have no choice but to put up with it. It will be noted that the waiting areas at the Primary Care Centre have no windows and the rooms rely on air conditioning units for ventilation and cooling purposes.

Commenting on the matter, Shadow Minister for Health Neil Costa said:

“This painting work is causing considerable inconvenience to many people because it is being carried out at a time when the Primary Care Centre is open to the public. The Opposition cannot understand why the Government has not made arrangements to have the Primary Care Centre repainted after hours which would make more sense as it would avoid this problem.

Given that the health service budget is over £ 1 million a week, they can surely afford to pay that little bit extra and have the work done in a way that does not inconvenience the patients.”

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