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### WESTSIDE SWIMMING POOL OPENS FOR DISABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS

The Gibraltar Sport & Leisure Authority and the Care Agency would like to inform our Disabled and Senior Citizens Communities that the swimming and recreational complex at the GSLA Westside swimming pool is now open for the duration of the summer season with expanded and refurbished facilities available.

Opening times will be from 10.00 am – 8.00 pm and entitled persons are:

1. Disabled users with a valid blue badge;
2. Disability card holders (issued by the Department of Social Security);
3. Senior Citizens with valid Senior Citizens card (that can be obtained from the Department of Social Security).

There will be a shaded area reserved exclusively for the disabled adjacent to the access ramps to the sea, and a new terrace area has been provided on the north side of the swimming pool that will make the whole complex more comfortable for users and accommodate more Senior Citizens. Lifeguards will be on site in both the indoor and outdoor areas.

In addition to the Disabled parking bays, the Car Park at the rear of the GSLA Westside swimming pool will be controlled by a pass system that will be administered from the reception of the pool complex. This is a limited area and will be shared by G.A.S.A outdoor members.

As in other years, these facilities are not meant for extended family gathering, although family members of a disabled nuclear family will be allowed.

Commenting on the extended and upgraded facilities, the Minister for Sports & Leisure Edwin Reyes and the Minister for the Disabled and Elderly, the Hon. J. J. Netto said:

***“We are delighted that both our agencies have worked together to further improve this unique and valued facility, which we hope our elderly and disabled communities will thus enjoy even more than in the past.”***