



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS AT THE GHA**

The Gibraltar Health Authority has announced interim arrangements for the running of the organisation.

This will be jointly done by Mr Ernest Lima and Mr John Langan and is expected to be for a period of six to nine months. Mr Lima has worked in senior positions within the GHA, including that of General Manager (1991-1997) and Chief Executive (1999-2004). He also retained responsibilities as Director of Finance throughout his service with the GHA until he retired in 2009.

John Langan is a very experienced former Chief Executive who has managed large healthcare Trusts in the UK and who is familiar with the local conditions and requirements. He has worked with Mr Lima in the past as Co-Chief Executive and their working relationship is seen as an important factor in the up-coming transition process. Mr Lima developed the role of Principal Secretary to the Minister for Health, a post in which he was officially recognised in 2004. His experience in these matters makes him ideally suited to advise on local and EU legislative matters

The interim management team will spearhead the restructuring of the Authority's management and the recruitment of a new substantive Chief Executive.

The Minister for Health, Dr John Cortes has confirmed that he is delighted with the arrangements. "This team combines local knowledge with experience in other health care jurisdictions and is the ideal combination to take the GHA forward."

"Mr Lima was appointed by me as a Member of the Authority earlier this year. We consider it appropriate that he should step aside from that role, for the duration of the interim arrangements, in order to avoid any potential conflict of interest."