

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF DAR SAWRA, RABAT

The Administrative Secretary of the Archdiocese of Malta invites health and care home operators to put themselves forward for the management and day-to-day running of Dar Sawra for the provision of health and/or care services.

Dar Sawra was founded in the 17th century and during the years, the Home served both as a hospital and as a home for the elderly. The Sisters of Charity ran Dar Sawra till 2003. At present, Dar Sawra is managed by the Archdiocese of Malta and is licensed to operate as an elderly home with a maximum capacity of 65 beds, which may be increased.

Potential operators should provide an investment plan to ensure that the home is managed and operated in conformity with the applicable national legislation and regulatory standards pertaining to the relative sector. They must have or obtain the necessary legal, planning and any other permits including an operating licence. The investment plan should allow for scenarios with a Church-Private partnership structure. They should also provide detailed costings and bed rates for the initial fifteen years, factoring in a percentage of the total licensed beds for non-paying residents/patients.

The home will be rented or leased to the successful applicant for not less than 15 years and not more than 50 years. The Archdiocese will retain the ownership of the home and will expect the operator to embrace the values and ethos of the Roman Catholic Church. Operators should provide Human Resources plans for staff complements and ensure current employees' posts are safeguarded. Operators should also submit capital refurbishment plans of the Home including a programme of works and timeframes.

An awareness that the site is in a zone of archaeological importance of Rabat and Mdina as per G.N 133 of 2001 is vital. The building is within a scheduled Class A archaeological site since it lies within the buffer zone of several structural remains dating back to the Roman period and this should be considered in the design rehabilitation proposal. The proposed designs must also respect the building fabric and any structural interventions must be such that the legibility of the original structure is safeguarded and preserved.

Operators should have proven experience in the management and operation of the health and/or care service that they are proposing. One or more proposals may be submitted by the same operator, for example, for different uses of the building, types of services to be provided and lease periods, subject that all the above are respected.

Terms and conditions may apply.

This call for expression of interest is not to be interpreted in any way as creating any obligation on the part of the Archdiocese of Malta to accept any application received or to grant the operation or management of the above home. Only if and when a written contract is entered into between the Archdiocese and any third party, shall such obligation on the part of the Archdiocese commence.

The home may be viewed by appointment by sending an email to info.che@maltadiocese.org. Further details may be obtained from the Archbishop's Curia by sending an email to the same email address by not later than 31 August 2022.

Submissions (4 copies) are to be made in a sealed envelope and marked 'EOI Dar Sawra'. They must be deposited ONLY in the appropriate box located at the Archbishop's Curia, St Calcedonius Square, Floriana FRN 1535 by not later than noon of Friday, 16 September 2022. Any submissions made after this date and time and/or by email will be automatically rejected.