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Dear Dr De Gabriele and Dr Sammut,

The introduction of new tools and technologies to aid and support doctors in providing the best possible care to their patients is undoubtedly a positive development. However, the practical implementation of such initiatives may sometimes present challenges. This appears to be the situation currently facing our Health Centres in relation to the proposed introduction of Point of Care Testing.

This Office appeals to all stakeholders to remain focused on what should be a shared priority: safeguard the best interests of patients. All decisions and actions should be guided by this fundamental principle.

Once again, I feel it is necessary to appeal to everyone's goodwill, understanding and good sense in urgently addressing the situation currently prevailing within our national health system.

I am sincerely convinced that, through constructive dialogue and a willingness to find common ground, an agreement can be reached that is acceptable to all parties, but, above all, serves the best interests of patients.

Should you feel that this Office could play any role in facilitating discussions or contributing towards a possible solution, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be more than willing to assist in any way we can.

Yours sincerely,

Prof Raymond Galea
Commissioner for Health