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Mount Carmel Hospital filing system

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Dear Mr Grech

Good afternoon.

We have received your complaint dated 8th April 2020 from the National Archives Malta (NAM), and the following is our explanation of what you have seen in FW3B.

As you have rightly stated, currently, the documents are not held as they should be, placed on shelving and available for retrieval. It is also true that in MW3A, the place where they have been stored before was not an adequate place to hold such records.

I do feel the need to point out a few matters. Since 2019 we were working to improve the situation by going through the documents and discarding what was not required, in line with approved retention policies.

We then learnt that Mount Carmel Hospital required to do structural works, to ensure patients' safety, and we did all that was necessary to move these documents to an alternative location. We tried to rent private storages, but the expenses were much more than we could afford. Subsequently, we purchased new shelving and erected them; however, the pandemic struck, and we had to focus on the critical tasks.

We are committed to this task, and from next week, we should be starting our routine. We will be doing everything we can to make these documents available by sorting them by their relevant years and placing them back on their shelving.

Please rest assured that we also have the historical perspective of these files in mind. In collaboration with the NAM, we have transferred files created in the Ministry dating back between 1922 to 1955. In the future, once the NAM has its new repository in place, we will be ready to transfer more years.

I completely comprehend your concern, and if you like to, I can inform you once we have completed stacking the files on the shelving.

Best Regards,

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Thanks for your reply. I got to know of the presence of those documents below MW3A some years ago when I used to go feed some cats nearby and saw them when out of curiosity gave a look through the glass window down there below my ward, MW3A. At that time they didn't concern me that much. On rare occasions I happened to see some persons coming with a car from some Government ministry go inside. By end of October 2019 they evacuated all staff and patients from that block and the hospital administration began sending their primitive cannibals to recycle say some aluminium windows and doors from that block. As I had since long been a patient in MW3A, knew quite well the big fraud behind their intention to demolish that entire block rather than do the little repairs necessary, and had written amongst others to the Auditor to investigate. But as my complaint seems to have fallen on deaf ears, I entered that block on several occasions to take photos and videos as evidence to further sustain my complaint. Entering at night was not a problem, but as it was necessary to collect that evidence in daylight, I had found a way going inside safely amongst others through those Archives at the back of the block. I think it was 13th January 2020 when on my way to feed the cats saw several persons possibly from the hospital administration stationed near the door of the archives, near the outreach office, and in the vicinity and later even saw a security coming. I had since then collected the necessary evidence but must have leG something behind me the last time I entered. Curiosity made me go to give a look during the night and noticed that the door of the archives was leG open and within was total darkness as they had cut the electricity of that block possibly some 2 days before according to my records. It was leG in this state for some 2 days, with the door incredibly leG open also in the night – I don't think they had leG someone on the lookout inside in that total darkness, they for sure must have forgotten that door open, so you can understand better how much the hospital administration were worried about those documents down there, with possibly my cats had gone to find refuge within in those cold days of winter as I didn't see them for some days and at one point had thought they possibly got locked inside when they closed the door again. Then some days later they brought 2 containers in the road nearby and thought they were going to dump those documents within. In the meantime I ended (locked) in another ward, Half Way House, within a block almost identical to that block MW3A. Above that HWH there is that FW3B, a ward that had since long (many years ago) been closed for refurbishment but ended instead ruined to almost its shell form. You know, sometimes it pays to be wild, for in some way I found myself up there and to my surprise I discovered that those documents were dumped there instead. To understand better when I said "dumped there", this FW3B has ended that ruined that the incompetent hospital administration, rather than continue to waste more money restore it so that one day they open it with patients (capital wasted away), they chose to instead "dump" within those documents. It was at this time that I reported the matter to the National Archives and to Heritage Malta, seeing the way some documents ended dumped on top of each other the savage way and that in some parts of the building there was even some ingress of rain water. Some weeks ago they brought more shelving, maybe those you mentioned to have been purchased, only to leave them outside HWH, with the strong winds ending toppling some of them, and then brought some more again maybe a week ago - till today they are still leG outside (see photo taken today, unfortunately not that clear). Anyway, seeing how the hospital administration blatantly waste away resources and taxpayer's money, but are then that misers to "refurbish" an almost completely ruined FW3B with recycled windows to the point that some of these windows didn't even fit well, at least it seems that through your effort something is being done so that hopefully one day those documents will find the place they deserve.

Again thanks and best regards,

Nicholas Grech

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