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The Malta Association of Public Health Medicine (MAPHM) supports the statement provided by Caritas Malta, Oasi Foundation, Sedqa and the Psychiatry Association in this [article](#) on recreational cannabis use and implications for the law and is taking this opportunity to reiterate that MAPHM has consistently been against the legalisation of cannabis for recreational use following a review of all available scientific research on this subject. For more details one may view our previous position statement on this matter [here](#).

If it is the Government's intention to legalise the recreational use of cannabis, as per the Prime Minister's [pledge](#) to present a draft law, or white paper, MAPHM strongly advises the Government to adopt a harm reduction approach that focuses on prevention, education, treatment, and the implementation of a robust regulatory framework to ensure public safety and protection.

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