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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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