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RECIPROCAL HEALTH AGREEMENT REPORT – 18th JANUARY CHIEF PLEAS

At Midsummer Chief Pleas the Assembly agreed to continuing working with Guernsey politicians and officers to develop a new reciprocal health agreement with the UK.

Since then, Guernsey have developed the healthcare referral process, and Sark residents requiring preauthorised treatment will be treated the same as Guernsey patients, they will be referred through the same process as Guernsey residents and have the same access to NHS hospitals and treatment centres.

This in itself will result in savings when considering the cost of NHS treatment against private treatment, and the charge will be capped at 100%. Previously UK healthcare providers could charge 150% of the cost to Sark residents.

Emergency treatment for Sark residents visiting the UK and UK visitors to Sark is included in the agreement.

This agreement came into force on the 1st January 2023.

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