

Blood transfusion service

The Gozo Civic Council is in favour of introducing an ambulatory blood donor bank. This would entail the cataloguing in blood groups of a large number of people who would eventually be called upon to donate blood to replenish supplies kept at banks in Malta.

Dr. C.P. Grima, the non-councillor chairman of the Council's Health Committee said from the Strangers Gallery during a meeting of the Council, that such cataloguing would pay a compliment for the promptness of individuals from Malta who mostly supply blood for Gozitan patients.

The Council ruled out the setting up of a small blood bank in Gozo on the grounds that the number of Gozitan patients requiring blood transfusions was small and blood plasma could not be stored for long periods.