

Liberal Vannin succeeds where Government Fails

It is disappointing but not surprising that Chief Minister, Tony Brown, and Health Minister, Eddie Teare achieved nothing by their visit to London to meet with UK Health Secretary, Andy Burnham to discuss the cessation of the Reciprocal Health Agreement on 31 March this year.

This government has had an additional twelve months to put in place an alternative solution so that Manx residents are able to visit the UK without the fear of enormous medical bills if they should fall ill. Unfortunately they have done nothing and would have continued to do nothing but for the backlash of public opinion.

It is appreciated that no-one can force the UK government to continue with an agreement that they no longer wish to have but what is inexplicable is why this government have not explored every avenue to ensure that an alternative solution is found prior to 1 April.

After months of inaction by Government Ministers and their highly paid advisors, Liberal Vannin's unpaid researchers have negotiated an Island wide insurance scheme that will provide genuine health cover for everyone, regardless of age or pre existing medical conditions, at a cost of less than £2.00 per person per trip. This will also cover repatriation which is not covered under the present Agreement.

Leader Peter Karran said "I have tried before to get this debated in the House of Keys but have been unable to find a Secunder. I shall be raising this matter again and sincerely hope that it will receive support this time. There is no other Plan B and time is running out. While the Council of Ministers has decided to do nothing, our membership has been working behind the scenes and produced a result. This is one of the strengths of Party Politics, a whole team working together for the common good rather than a series of individuals looking over their shoulders in case they get the sack!"

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