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Dr Renzo De Gabriele is a family doctor by profession, with over thirty years of experience working in the public service. He graduated as a Doctor of Medicine and Surgery from the University of Malta in 1995 and was awarded a Certificate in Diabetes from the Irish College of General Practitioners in 2008. He is also a Specialist in Family Medicine, and a Fellow of the Malta College of Family Doctors. He is also an expert trainer in family medicine and delivered various national and international courses at various levels to train family doctors as trainers in family medicine.

In 2011, Dr De Gabriele was appointed Assistant Director Administration in the Primary HealthCare Department within the Ministry for Health. In 2013, he was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Primary Healthcare Department within the Ministry for Health. In 2019, he was then appointed Chief Executive Officer of Active Ageing and Community Care where he was instrumental in strengthening existing services as well as developing new ones. New services launched since 2019 include the Telecare on the Move service, the domiciliary phlebotomy service, a nationwide free transport service for the elderly (the Silver T service), community psychotherapy services for the elderly, renting of motorised beds for homebound clients, the home helper of your choice scheme, and domiciliary dietitian services. Dr De Gabriele also planned and executed the opening of several new active ageing centres, as well as two new dementia activity centres. Residential care services saw the introduction of various new services like speciality nursing and palliative care. A programme of renovation of all government homes was one of his visions, with Floriana Residential Home being renovated and all other government-run residential homes undergoing radical refurbishment. Active Ageing and Community Care was instrumental in the ongoing implementation of the National Strategic Policy for Active Ageing 2023 - 2030 and, through its Dementia Care Directorate, in the publication and current implementation of the National Dementia Strategy 2024 - 2031.

In 2023, Dr De Gabriele was awarded the Best Manager Award in the National Worker of the Year Awards and led Active Ageing and Community Care to achieve another three national awards with the Silver T service being awarded the Best Innovative Service Award in the Malta National Transport Awards, the Dar Padova Project was awarded the Best Project Award in the Public Service Awards, and the Dementia Directorate was awarded the Best Unit Award in the National Worker of the Year Awards.