

ANDRE JEAN RISHA

Your Candidate for Middle
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**Frontline Leadership. Real
Accountability.**

About Me: Leadership Tested on the Frontline

I am not a career politician; I am a clinician who has spent my career making critical decisions under pressure.

As a Consultant General and Laparoscopic Surgeon at Noble's Hospital, and having served as the Clinical Director of Surgery for five years, I have managed complex teams, navigated life-and-death situations, and intimately learned the mechanics of our Island's healthcare system.

Currently serving as the Chair of the Medical Staff Committee, I have consistently advocated for my colleagues and for the structural reforms necessary to protect patient safety. Furthermore, my ongoing pursuit of an MSc in Healthcare Leadership—specifically focusing on the vital differences between elected and selected leadership—has equipped me with the academic rigor to dismantle failing administrative structures and build better ones.

I am standing for the House of Keys because I believe the skills required in the operating theatre and clinical leadership—decisiveness, accountability, and a commitment to evidence-based action—are exactly what we need more of in Tynwald.

Theme 1: Healing Our Public Services

A high-functioning public service cannot be run from a spreadsheet. To deliver the standard of care and education the Isle of Man deserves, we must fundamentally restructure how our services are governed.

Rebuilding Healthcare Through Clinical Leadership

- **Medically Led Decision Making:** We must end the "democratic deficit" between those who manage the hospital and those who treat the patients. Clinical directors and senior medical staff must have the authority to shape the services they deliver.
- **Tackling Bed Capacity & Exit Block:** We must fiercely ring-fence elective surgical beds to end last-minute cancellations and integrate acute care with social care to safely discharge medically fit patients.
- **A True Duty of Candour:** Safety is the absolute priority. I champion the strict enforcement of a statutory Duty of Candour, ensuring complete transparency with patients and protecting staff who raise concerns.

Empowering Education and Securing Our Schools

- **Autonomy in the Classroom:** We must reduce the bureaucratic creep stifling our teachers, trusting frontline educators to manage their classrooms.
- **Timely Support for SEN:** We must streamline the assessment pathways for Special Educational Needs, ensuring rapid, targeted support for every child.

Theme 2: A Government That Works For You

For a government to function effectively, there must be a direct line of accountability between the decisions made in boardrooms and the realities faced on the frontline.

Closing the Democratic Deficit in Governance

- **Realigning Authority with Responsibility:** Frontline staff bear the ultimate responsibility for patient care but lack the authority to shape how that care is organized. Decisions must be driven by reality, not administrative targets.
- **Accountability to Tynwald:** Arm's-length bodies like Manx Care must not be used as a shield to deflect political accountability. I will demand rigorous, transparent oversight of public funds.

Fiscal Responsibility and a Resilient Economy

- **Eradicating Bureaucratic Waste:** Public funds must be demonstrably linked to public outcomes. We must fund the frontline, not unnecessary administration.
- **Accountability in Capital Projects:** The Manx public cannot be a blank checkbook for administrative mismanagement. Contractors and government departments must be held to firm, fixed budgets.

Theme 3: Protecting Our Communities

Our constituency is the geographic and infrastructural heart of the Island. We must manage our growth responsibly.

Hyper-Local Priorities for Middle

- **Resolving the Braddan Roundhouse:** Administrative stubbornness has created a massive burden for local ratepayers. I will push for immediate, pragmatic mediation to finalize access disputes so the facility can generate revenue and ease the 37% rate hike impact.
- **Infrastructure Before Expansion:** I will fight for a strict "Infrastructure First" policy. Developers must prove local roads, schools, and healthcare services have capacity before new estates are approved in Braddan or Marown.
- **Traffic Management and Village Safety:** Protecting the character of Glen Vine and Crosby with intelligent traffic calming and safer pedestrian routes.

Sensible Housing

- **Housing for Essential Workers:** The housing crisis is a healthcare crisis. If essential workers cannot afford to live here, we cannot staff our hospital. We must rapidly expand genuinely affordable first-time buyer schemes.
- **Stopping Land Banking:** Introduce measures to prevent developers from sitting on approved permissions while young families struggle to find homes.

Let's Build a Better System, Together

The challenges facing the Isle of Man will not be solved by the same administrative thinking that created them. We need frontline experience, transparent leadership, and the courage to challenge the status quo.

I am respectfully asking for your vote in the General Election this September.

A manifesto is only the beginning of the conversation. I want to hear directly from you about the issues impacting your family and your neighborhood. If you see me on the doorstep, please say hello. Alternatively, to arrange a coffee and a chat about the future of our constituency, please reach out.

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