

The Formentera Office of Infrastructure is pleased to report that next week crews will begin building the road that will service the island's long-term care facility and improve access to the local hub of health and social services, part of a €901,796 project that is scheduled to take five months.

The upgrades will mean creation of a one-way road linking Carrer del Metge Vicent Riera Ferrer (access road to the hospital) with the road leading to the cemetery. Crews will also urbanise and beautify the area, not to mention put in new pedestrian walkways and street furniture, a bus stop and 28 parking spaces for cars and others for bicycles.

Consell de Formentera president Alejandra Ferrer expressed her satisfaction "because soon the access road to the care home will be a reality", and assured that "in the meantime, the final steps are being taken to open it". "It is only fair that we can provide Formentera's elderly and dependent people with this service, so that if they need it, they don't have to leave the island."

Infrastructure councillor Josep Marí said that additional work would entail urbanising areas near the nursing facility and adult day care centre based on integrated models of landscaping. Marí, too, affirmed that the move marked a quantum leap forward for the accessibility of the island's health and social services hub.

Formentera's health and social services hub includes the hospital, nursing facility, funeral parlour (Tanatori), cemetery and adult day centre (Centre de Dia). Work will be conducted by Matias Arrom Bibiloni SL.

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