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Dr Azzopardi has studied medicine in Malta and continued his training as a Specialist in Haematology and Internal Medicine, before starting his work in diving and hyperbaric medicine in Plymouth at the Diving Diseases Research Centre (DDRC) in 2016.

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