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**OFFICIAL VISIT OF PROFESSOR GED BYRNE - MBE, DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT OF NHS
HEALTH EDUCATION ENGLAND**

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, October 24th, 2023 – Professor Ged Byrne, made an official visit to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines from October 18th, 2023 to October 24th 2023.

On Friday, 20th October 2023, Professor Ged Byrne visited to the Georgetown Health Centre which completed with funding from the United Kingdom. On Monday, 23rd October, Professor Byrne met with the Honourable Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves; Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines along with representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. Following, Professor Byrne met with the Honourable St. Clair Prince; Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment. Additionally, on Monday Professor Byrne met with officials from the University of the west Indies.

The purpose of the visit was to review current partnerships, assess additional needs and opportunities, and formalise commitments for ongoing collaboration to solidify NHSE's role as a key partner in supporting health workforce development and health systems strengthening in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Professor Byrne proudly stated that “It is clear to me that there is a real enthusiasm in maintaining and enhancing the relationship between SVG and the NHS. The opportunities to develop new programmes to enhance both healthcare systems are clear and I look forward to enhancing our partnership for years to come.”

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