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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### STRENGTHENING HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP WITH GLOBAL HEALTH ENGLAND AND NHS ENGLAND

- **SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, February 17, 2025** —The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) welcomed a delegation from Global Health England and NHS England last week as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen collaboration in the healthcare sector. This visit reaffirmed the commitment between both parties to advancing medical training, workforce development, and healthcare services for Vincentians.

During discussions with Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Dr. the Honourable Ralph E. Gonsalves and other officials, there was reflection on the evolution of the partnership, which began in 2018 with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate recruitment of surplus nurses. The initiative expanded in 2022 to include observation programmes and fellowship opportunities, providing Vincentian healthcare professionals with valuable training and exposure to international best practices.

- Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment; Mr. Cuthbert Knights, welcomed the delegation, highlighting the positive impact of the partnership on local healthcare delivery. Representatives from NHS England, including Michelle Thompson, Global Senior Workforce Lead, and members of Leeds Teaching Hospitals, reaffirmed their commitment to providing continued training and professional development opportunities for Vincentian healthcare workers.

This collaboration between SVG and the UK continues to enhance the nation's healthcare workforce, equipping local professionals with the skills and knowledge needed to provide high-quality medical care.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Consumer Affairs remains dedicated to fostering international partnerships that contribute to the nation's healthcare advancement.

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