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**New Triage Officers to Improve Wait Times at JNF General Hospital**



***Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis [Ministry of Health]*** – Four new triage officers were deployed at the Joseph N. France General Hospital's Accident and Emergency Department today. These strategic additions are set to significantly impact wait times and improve patient assessment efficiency at the hospital.

The newly appointed officers, who began their shifts on Monday, May 13, comprise of two males and two females, who all hold medical degrees. Although not licensed to practice medicine within the federation, their extensive clinical backgrounds equip them with the essential skills to effectively evaluate patients at their initial point of entry into the department.

Prime Minister and Minister of Health, Dr. Terrance Drew, who met with the new officers last Friday, highlighted the importance of their roles. "The deployment of these skilled professionals is a strategic and beneficial move for our health system, crucial for our pursuit of international accreditation and aligns with Sustainable Development Goal No. 3, which focuses on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being at all ages," said Dr. Drew.



Dr. Jenson Morton, Director of Health Institutions, emphasized the importance of this initiative, stating, “The addition of these triage officers is a key step in maximizing efficiency in our Accident and Emergency Department. Their ability to manage and streamline patient intake will significantly reduce wait times.”

Dr. Daveen Wilkin, Medical Chief of Staff, also commented on the critical nature of timely and efficient response in emergency settings. “Proper triage is essential for saving lives. These officers will ensure that patients receive the right level of care promptly, which is crucial in an emergency setting,” said Dr. Wilkin.

The Ministry of Health remains committed to enhancing healthcare services and infrastructure in St. Kitts and Nevis as part of its ongoing efforts to meet global health standards and improve the well-being of all its citizens.

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