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## Costa Announces Further Training Schemes for GHA Staff in Conjunction with UK Universities

The Gibraltar Health Authority has reiterated its commitment to the further training development of nursing and clinical staff who work in key service areas.

The GHA is again investing in a number of bespoke education programmes in specialist areas, in conjunction with Kingston University and St George's University of London. This includes a suite of educationally-led health care development programmes, which will continue to enhance service delivery and help with the ongoing transformation of service provision.

Other key areas addressed are the critical care unit and the acute wards.

The Minister for Health, Care and Justice, the Hon Neil F Costa MP, recently met with Dr Julia Gale, Head of School of Nursing at Kingston University and St George's University of London. During the course of the meeting it was agreed to offer a range of tailor-made educational activities that will reflect the needs of the people of Gibraltar.

The GHA's long running relationship with both of these UK Universities continues to help equip our current and future work force to respond in an even more robust way to the complexities in health and social care. The Government is steadfast in its commitment to further investment in specialist areas of practice and these innovative programmes will provide safe, high quality and effective care.

Dr Gale said it had been an honour to work with the GHA for many years to help develop health and social care provision. She said: "I am delighted the GHA continues to view Kingston University and St George's, University of London as their preferred educational provider. The continued investment and commitment by the GHA to transform services through the use of education will, I know, bring about a first class health and social care service for the people of Gibraltar."

For his part Minister Costa said: "We are delighted to see how ongoing professional training for our clinical staff in various specialisms will ensure the resiliency of our local workforce to safely deal with health care concerns. We are delighted to see how the GHA, through its School of Health

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Studies and in conjunction with Kingston University, has designed bespoke training programmes to achieve this essential aim."

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