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### **RADIOLOGY- CRITICAL TO MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS**

Over the past few years, radiology services in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) have undergone significant transformation, transitioning from conventional to digital imaging.

And, this initiative is part of the government's push to improve healthcare services across the country says Chevonne Stewart, Chief Radiographer at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital (MCMH).

Speaking to the Agency for Public Information (API) on Thursday January 30, Stewart said that radiology services are critical in saving lives and form one of the starting points when it comes to proper medical care and diagnosis.

She told API that the advancement of these services allows physicians to access patient scans instantly, enhancing efficiency and patient care.

In the government's push, radiology services have been expanded to the Levi Latham Health Centre in Mesopotamia, the Buccament Polyclinic, the Modern Medical Diagnostic Centre in Georgetown and the Bequia Hospital, with the MCMH being the main hub.

Stewart told the API that further expansion plans include the installation of an X-ray system on Bequia following its refurbishment and the introduction of portable X-ray and ultrasound services in Chateaubelair.

However, Stewart noted that the increase in demand for imaging services has highlighted the need for more trained radiographers as currently, SVG employs a combination of local and Cuban radiographers.

Stewart is encouraging young people to consider radiography as a career path, noting opportunities for training at institutions such as the College of Science Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago (COSTAATT) and the University of the West Indies (UWI) in Jamaica.

“There has never been a request made for equipment or service expansion that was not addressed. While processes take time, the commitment to improving healthcare infrastructure remains strong,” Stewart told the API.

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