

RVTH

Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital

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RVTH staff receive training from Sussex Ambulance Service

Sussex Ambulance Service in the United Kingdom recently concluded a four-day training for 10 staff members of the Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital (RVTH).

This being the first training programme conducted by Sussex for RVTH staff covered a wide range of issues including patient assessment, cardiac conditions, chest diseases/injuries, oxygen therapy, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), airway management, unconscious patient, choking, trauma, spinal and pelvic injuries, fractures and immobilisation, wound and bleeding, burns and scalds, drowning, epilepsy and cerebral vascular accident (CVA).

The participants were drawn from the Accident and Emergency Department, Theatre, Intensive Care Unit, Paediatric and ambulance drivers.

Dave Haggart, the head of the Sussex team, said, "We are optimistic that the training would be an annual event provided that there are funds available. We are looking for long term stability for future trainings to be self funded by Sussex."

Mr Haggart added that in the near future, Sussex Ambulance Service would also train clinical staff countrywide. He thanked the management and staff of RVTH for the support and hospitality accorded them.

Malick Mboob, the communications officer of RVTH, said: "Building the capacity of hospital staff is important to their day-to-day health care delivery. We thank the team from Sussex Ambulance Service and looking forward to a future collaboration.

Sussex Ambulance Service which was founded in 1995 in UK is part of the National Health Service of the United Kingdom.

Their link in The Gambia started with the Gambia Fire and Ambulance Services in 2000 and has since conducted series of trainings for fire fighters.