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Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital

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RVTH, Sant Caterina Hospital to be twinned soon

The Chief Medical Director, Dr Pamela Esangbedo, in June returned from Spain, where she had a week-long working visit aimed at continuing negotiations to the proposed idea of twinning RVTH with Sant Caterina Hospital.

Sant Caterina is part of the Catalunya Health System in Spain, which serves about 7 million people. The hospital has 319 beds and 1000 staff.

When the twinning agreement come into effect, the Spanish Government will assist the Gambia Government in areas of Health, Education, Energy and Road Construction.

According to Dr Esangbedo, the agreement will come into effect when an MOU is agreed on and signed by the two ministers of Health.

“We agreed in principle to go ahead with the 2nd stage which involves project proposals from RVTH for funding by the Spanish Government. The ground-work has already been done. It remains for the secretary of state for Health and Social Welfare to arrange a trip to Spain to finalise the agreement and perform the official signing ceremony,” she said.

Meanwhile, as Sant Caterina Hospital is strong on mental health care, RVTH will try to develop our relationship further in this direction.