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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

$38.9 Million Perimeter Fencing Project for Lionel Town Hospital

The Lionel Town Hospital, which provides services to a population of fifty thousand persons in southern Clarendon is set to benefit from a J $38.9 million perimeter fencing project, which will improve the security of the hospital.

The contract, which was signed on Thursday, November 25 is awarded to Costley's Construction. Work will begin in early December 2021.

The scope of works to be done include the construction of a boundary wall around the perimeter of the hospital (sides and rear) and a long wall to the entrance of the hospital, with chain-link fencing.

Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton, who was on hand to witness the contract signing, said the fencing project will mean a lot to the hospital as not only will it improve its security and aesthetics but will set the stage for greater developmental plans for the hospital.

Dr. Tufton said oftentimes focus is lost on the other areas of healthcare because of the focus on managing the COVID-19 Pandemic. He said despite this, good things are happening in public health as the Government continues to improve the areas of service delivery.

"We can't lose sight of the bigger picture and the bigger picture is really to ensure that we have infrastructure, that we have personnel, equipment, medication and that when people require healthcare they can get it. In addition to that we have to continue to thrust towards prevention and good lifestyle practices and we have been doing that. I think it is important for the country to recognize that and for us as a Government to highlight that and to demonstrate our appreciation for the work that continues to be done to support the building out of our infrastructure" Minister Tufton said.

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The Health & Wellness Minister said Clarendon represents a good attempt of providing expanded and upgraded health infrastructure in a growing parish. He noted that there is an increased dependence on the health infrastructure to provide care and response, which the Government has been trying to support.

"I want to thank the administrators who are responsive to the needs and are always willing to adjust where necessary, whether it is the board, the management team or it's the people, or political representatives because I do get a sense that the efforts at providing healthcare services is a collaborative effort. I want to recognize it and give kudos to all who are playing their part" Dr. Tufton said.

Picture 1

Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (left seated) and Managing Director of Costley's Construction, Harrington Costley (right seated) sign the contract to construct a perimeter fencing at the Lionel Town Hospital in Clarendon. Observing the signing are: (left to right), Mayor of May Pen, Mayor Winston Maragh, Member of Parliament for South East Clarendon, Hon. Pearnel Charles, Regional Director for the

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Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), Michael Bent, SRHA Senior Projects Manager, Damion Morgan and Parish Manager for the Clarendon Health Services, Joseph Grant.

Picture 2

Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (centre) and Managing Director of Costley's Construction, Harrington Costley shake hands after signing the contract to construct a perimeter fencing at the Lionel Town Hospital in Clarendon. Photographed also is Member of Parliament for South East Clarendon, Hon. Pearnel Charles.

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