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### **J\$13 Million Upgrade for Operating Theatres at Mandeville Regional Hospital**

The Mandeville Regional Hospital in Manchester is benefiting from a J\$13 million upgrade to its main operating theatre suite, aimed at improving safety, infection control, and working conditions for staff.

Chief Executive Officer for the facility, Alwyn Miller explained that work was done to four of six operating theatres at the hospital, noting that the renovation works was a proactive move to maintain and improve the operating theatres.

“The renovation that was done here was with the intention to basically do preventative maintenance, to restore the walls and flooring of the theatre. We used the opportunity as well to do some changes in terms of storage facilities, doors, lighting, plumbing, all of that. The intention was to restore the theatre so that we don't have any disruption to surgical services during the course of the year, as a result of maintenance issues or any sort of infection control issues,” the CEO said.

Mr. Miller added that as part of the upgrade, the walls and floors were resurfaced to improve cleanliness and safety and other changes included replacing wooden doors and cabinets with more durable materials.

He pointed out that the renovations have strengthened the hospital's future capacity.

“At the end of the day, we are in a better position in terms of the functioning of the theatre and its ability to stay up for the entire year with minimal disruption” Mr. Miller said.

Nurse Manager of the Operating Theatre, Rhodell Morris-Knott, said the improvements have been well received by staff.

“Overall, the staff...are impressed with the outcome of the work. We are seeing where the improvement has lifted our spirits somewhat, so in general, it was a good work that was done for the main operating theatre suite” Nurse Morris-Knott said.

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**CEO of Mandeville Regional Hospital, Alwyn Miller, and Nursing Manager of the Operating Theatre, Rhodell Morris-Knott, in discussion inside one of the newly upgraded operating theatres.**

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Picture 2



Inside one of the newly upgraded operating theatres at Mandeville Regional Hospital.

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