



Saint Helena Prison Officers deploy overseas to HMP Maidstone in the UK for training.

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Officers Ricardo Morana and Sandra Henry undertook a successful training deployment to HMP Maidstone in the UK.

Speaking of their experience Officers said, *"This experience has been very beneficial for us as this gave us knowledge on how UK Prisons run and once the plans for our new prison have been finalised, we can use our experience here and pass it on to our team on Saint Helena. Maidstone made us feel welcome and part of their team, we would have liked to deploy for longer! During this deployment, we worked through a comprehensive schedule and skills assessment check-list. We also learnt how we might improve our induction process, safety risk assessments, maximise our regime activities and get used to working in a much larger prison! As a small token of our appreciation we presented a HMP Jamestown cress to Ian the Deputy Governor which was hand-made by one of our serving prisoners. Huge thanks to our manager Mr Kendall, the Governor and their team at Maidstone for having us."*



Evaluation:
 Excellent
 Good
 Satisfactory
 Poor



Jay Kendall, Prison Superintendent commented, *"I am proud of my officers for deploying to the UK to learn more. They showed courage, resilience and commitment to their continuing professional development. Working in a prison with 600 prisoners isn't easy and I have had excellent feedback from HMP Maidstone. The placement was funded by the Ministry of Justice, as part of the UK Government's Overseas Territories Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) Justice Programme because experiences such as this can't be replicated on-island but deployments give excellent exposure to operating in larger, complex settings with challenging individuals. Well done."*