



**MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY**  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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## HEAD OFFICE OPENED FOR REPATRIATION COMMITTEE



**Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. officially opened the Head Office for the Committee for the Repatriation of Nationals from overseas on Thursday 13 April, 2023 at #9 Court Street, San Fernando.**

**In attendance were members of the Repatriation Committee as well as representatives and family members of Nationals who are seeking repatriation. While delivering remarks at the opening ceremony, Minister Hinds expressed his hope that the office will be a place that the families can visit to provide and get information to facilitate the repatriation process.**

**Minister Hinds also took the opportunity to engage with persons in attendance and reiterate Government's commitment to repatriation efforts.**

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## PROMOTING SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY



**The Ministry of National Security's Probation Services Division and the Executive Secretariat of the Inter American Drug Abuse Control Commission (ES-CICAD) collaborated to deliver a training programme for Case Care Management (CCM) Mentors (Second Batch). The training initiative forms part of the Case Care Management (CCM) Pilot Project which was launched on September 22, 2021.**

**Twelve (12) mentors successfully completed the training programme and received certificates in a Graduation Ceremony on Thursday April 13, 2023 at the Probation Services Division, Corner Queen and Henry Street, Port of Spain. These mentors will work with Case Care Managers to strengthen linkages with CCM clients and their communities as it relates to social integration. The training aimed to provide a comprehensive overview of substance use disorders as a brain disease, as well as develop core competencies for recovery support professionals.**

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Speaking at the event, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Ms. Aarti Bedassie-Maharaj congratulated the CCM Mentors for volunteering to serve and their willingness to make a difference in the lives of CCM clients, experiencing substance abuse disorders. She also expressed appreciation for the level of stakeholder collaboration within the programme, thanking the Executive Secretariat of ES-CICAD for the financial and technical assistance provided for the pilot project.

Also delivering remarks were Chief Probation Officer, Ms. Sintra Maharaj and representatives of ES-CICAD/OAS.



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## FRAUD SQUAD OFFICE LAUNCHED IN TOBAGO



On March 28th 2023 the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) launched its very first Fraud Squad Office in Tobago at the Shirvan Road Police Station.

Citizens of Tobago as well as members of the newly formed Fraud Squad, are set to benefit from fewer delays and more resources for the reporting and investigation of fraudulent activities in the Tobago Division.

In speaking at the launch, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) of the White Collar Crime Division (WCCD), Mr. Wendell Lucas stated, "What we can expect in the near future is a meaningful impact in investigations into reports of serious fraud, corrupt public officials, money laundering, terrorist financing and unexplained wealth, which are a few of the targets of the WCCD."

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**Also delivering remarks at the launch was Senior Superintendent of the Fraud Squad, Mr. Arlet Groome, who has been the pioneering brainchild of the establishment of the Tobago arm.**

**The Tobago Fraud Squad Office, can be contacted via email at [fraud2@ttps.gov.tt](mailto:fraud2@ttps.gov.tt) or via telephone at 612-2470 Ext 14139.**





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