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### **GIBRALTAR PORT AUTHORITY NEW RECRUIT QUALIFIES AS A VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES (VTS) OPERATOR**

The Gibraltar Port Authority has announced that its latest recruit has successfully qualified as a VTS Operator following an extensive period of training in the UK.

Jovan Buttigieg was appointed as a trainee VTS Operator in February and undertook 3 weeks of preparatory study before attending the Blackpool and Fylde Nautical College in March for a further 4-weeks which provided his VTS, VHF radio and radar training before his final assessment by the college at the end of March.

Jovan is now a fully qualified VTS Operator and joins his other colleagues in the VTS Centre maintaining the 24 hour coverage of BGTW ensuring the navigational safety of vessel movements in and around the coast of Gibraltar.

Commodore Bob Sanguinetti, CEO and Captain of the Port is delighted to see that Jovan has completed his training successfully and takes pleasure in welcoming him to the team.

The Minister for Maritime Affairs, the Hon Gilbert Licudi commented “This, once again, reinforces the Government’s commitment to maintaining the highest standards of safety in our very busy waters.”