

**Bio- Mr Matthew Vella- Permanent Secretary Ministry for Education and Sport.**

Mr Matthew Vella was born in 1989. He studied at the University of Malta where he was awarded a Bachelor of Honours in Social Work, followed by a Masters qualification in Family Studies. His areas of specialisation include social planning and auditing, community development and services, regulations and policy development.

As from 2018, Mr Vella has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Social Care Standards Authority, and previously from 2015 as a Director of Corporate Services in the Ministry for Economy, Investment and Small Businesses. His career within the Public Service started as a social worker in Children Services.

Recent contributions within the Public Service are the establishment of the Social Regulatory Standards for Social Welfare Services and the Strategic Vision 2020-2027 Striving for Excellence: Driving Social Innovation through Regulation.

Mr Vella has been appointed Permanent Secretary at the Ministry for Senior Citizens and Active Ageing and the Ministry for Inclusion and Social Wellbeing in December 2020. In December 2021 the latter was redesignated to the Ministry for Inclusion, Social Wellbeing and Voluntary Organisations.

In January 2022 Mr Vella was appointed Permanent Secretary at the Ministry for Education and Sports.