

RCoA Research, Education & Travel Grants 2016

Award: The Belfast Fund

Applicant: Dr Helen Howes

Project Title: *BASICs course, Gondar University Hospital, Ethiopia*

Project Description:

I have recently completed an OOPT as a guest MSc tutor at Gondar University Hospital (GUH), Ethiopia. While there I identified a gap in training in the ICU. We would like to deliver the BASICs course in GUH with the help of the BASICs collaborative in Hong Kong, and recently trained instructors in Hossanna, Ethiopia.

The anaesthetic staff at Gondar University Hospital (non-physicians) are increasingly being asked to support ICU services at the hospital. Staffing and senior support in the ICU department is limited and important decisions and patient management is left to the junior doctors. Airway problems are directed to the anaesthetist. They currently feel that their training does not fully support this extra work. We hope that the BASICs course will help their understanding of ICU patients and issues specific to ICU. By asking the doctors to also attend, we hope to decrease inappropriate referrals to the ICU.

The purpose of my visit is to help deliver the BASICs and train the trainers (TTT) courses in GUH for a maximum of 30 candidates. Candidates will be selected from the Anaesthetic and medical departments.

The course is supported by the BASICS collaborative in Hong Kong who have delivered the BASICs course in Hossana, Ethiopia in 2015. We would like to invite the Hossana candidates who completed the TTT course to help deliver the teaching in Gondar. The BASICs course is now run independent of international input by local staff in Hosanna. Our aim is to achieve this also in Gondar. A selection of candidates will be picked to complete the TTT course, with the aim of them helping to deliver future courses.