



Volunteer Internal Medicine Doctor (Funded), King's Sierra Leone Partnership

Terms of Reference

Start Date: As soon as possible

Placement Duration: 6 months with possible extension to 12

Location: Freetown, Sierra Leone

Reporting to: Country Director

The Function

The King's Sierra Leone Partnership (KSLP) is a long-term capacity building partnership between King's Health Partners in London and key partner institutions in Sierra Leone. KSLP aims to help strengthen Sierra Leone's health system by improving training, clinical services, policy and research. Key partners include University of Sierra Leone Teaching Hospital Complex Connaught Hospital, the College of Medicine & Allied Health Sciences (COMAHS) and the Ministry of Health & Sanitation (MOHS).

During the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak, KSLP played a critical role in the response in Sierra Leone with the establishment and supervision of Holding Units for suspected cases of EVD, training of Health Care Workers and contributing in the Case Management pillar at the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC). As Sierra Leone moves in to the recovery phase, KSLP is helping support postgraduate medical training in Sierra Leone, based at the University of Sierra Leone Teaching Hospital Complex, of which Connaught Hospital is the principal site.

The Role

KSLP is looking to recruit a Volunteer Internal Medicine Doctor for its in-country team as soon as possible. This person will be based in Freetown and will have a critical role in supporting internal medicine inpatient and outpatient services and supporting the roll out and implementation of internal medicine guidelines.

The role's main responsibilities will include:

- Participating in internal medicine inpatient & outpatient care, attached to an internal medicine consultant team
- Mentoring and training medical staff on the ward & in the clinic, in new procedures and latest evidence based medicine
- Taking part in Internal Medicine Department meetings to plan & develop protocols for Connaught Hospital
- Support the roll-out and implementation of new medical guidelines for Connaught Hospital
- Supporting the accreditation process for postgraduate medical training in country through supporting Journal Club, QI meetings, weekly teaching, & Morbidity and Mortality meetings

Person Specification

- **Qualifications:** A medical degree; Professional registration in home country; Completion of Core Medical training and Membership of Royal College of Physicians or equivalent
- **Experience:** Considerable internal medicine experience
- **Personal Characteristics:** Excellent interpersonal and intercultural skills, as well as confidence working within a multicultural team; skilled at multitasking and prioritising, working independently with minimal supervision, and leading and designing projects autonomously; an appreciation of the philosophy behind a long-term co-development health partnership
- **It would be advantageous if the candidate had:**
 - A DTM&H, global/international health BSc/MSc or MPH
 - More than 6 months' work experience in Africa or a low resource setting
 - Experience in Infectious Diseases, Neurology, or Rheumatology
 - Involvement in designing and implementing research projects
 - A keen interest in health and education systems strengthening, audit and quality improvement and research

Support Provided to Volunteers

This is a 6-month unpaid voluntary position, with possible extension to one year, but the post holder will be provided with:

- Return flights to and from initial post, plus one paid leave flight to and from Freetown for every six months in post
- £500 monthly stipend for living expenses, paid in local currency
- Multi-entry visa, residency permit & professional registration
- Vaccinations & antimalarials
- Insurance
- Accommodation in a shared KSLP house

To Apply: Submit a cover letter (maximum 2 pages) and CV (maximum 4 pages) to volunteer@kslp.org.uk. Please include the role title in the subject line of the email. Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.