



Countess Bulletin

Trust announces institutional link with Ugandan Hospital

Key Points

- Kisiizi Hospital is a 200 bed hospital, run by the Church of Uganda. It relies on Government, patients and private donations for its funding.
- Situated in a remote area in SW Uganda, Kisiizi is an hour's drive away from the nearest tarmac road.
- The hospital has an outpatient department, surgical ward and operating theatre suite, a maternity department, a children's ward, and medical, isolation and mental health wards.
- We believe that the Trust and its staff would find an institutional link with Kisiizi beneficial and rewarding.
- There will be opportunities for a wide range of staff including doctors, nurses, therapists, pharmacists, scientists, electricians, administrators and many more.
- All staff are invited to the Open Meeting taking place on Friday 30th November 2007 at 11:30 in the Education & Training Centre.

The Trust has been investigating the establishment of an institutional link with Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda, which culminated earlier this year with John Sloan and David Wood separately visiting the hospital during annual leave trips.

The link will offer a range of benefits to both this Trust and Kisiizi. It will enable us to share skills, knowledge, information and experience with a view to improving the services available to the people of both the communities served through exchange visits, involving experiential learning, education and practical involvement in the delivery of health care services.

On Friday 30th November 2007 there is the chance to learn more about the opportunities available by attending an open meeting with Dr David Percy, former Director of Health Strategy with the Tropical Health Education Trust (THET) and hear about Kisiizi Hospital itself, from Dr Ian Spillman, Consultant Paediatrician at Macclesfield Hospital and former Medical Superintendent

of Kisiizi Hospital. There will also be pictorial information based on visits undertaken by Mr John Sloan, Consultant in Emergency Medicine and David Wood, Director of HR & Corporate Services and an open forum to ask any questions.

The long term nature of the link is likely to allow a wide range of clinical and non-clinical staff to get involved.

Any staff interested and available to attend the session, please email Pam Hodgson in the Chief Executive's Office as soon as possible. Staff who are interested but cannot attend the session, again email Pam Hodgson and you will be placed on a 'mailing list' for project updates as appropriate. It is likely that further staff meetings or 'interest groups' will be established, offering all staff the chance to become involved.

Places at the Open Meeting are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.