

REPORTS FROM SOUTH SUDAN

SOUTH SUDAN APPOINTS HONORARY DIRECTOR OF POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

The Republic of South Sudan Ministry of Health has appointed Dr Peter Newman, Consultant Neurologist, James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough, England, to the post of Honorary Director of Postgraduate Medical Education for South Sudan.

Dr Newman was until recently Director of Postgraduate Medical Education for South Tees NHS Trust, and Associate International Director with responsibility for Africa in the Royal College of Physicians (RCP). He has also been involved in developing nurse-led epilepsy care programmes in Malawi. He maintains a role with the RCP, particularly in relation to medical training. Dr Newman stated, “the Honorary post provides an opportunity to work with associates in South Sudan and UK to develop postgraduate medical training programmes.

The South Sudan government strategy is to encourage and promote postgraduate medical training, and we hope that colleagues, particularly in the UK Wessex Deanery area, will harness their enthusiasm and expertise in support of this aim. Starting with a virtually blank sheet, there is a great potential to build capacity and significantly influence the health of the people through training of the young doctors in South Sudan.”.

