

SOUTH SUDAN-UK HOSPITALS LINK NEWS UPDATE

THE WINCHESTER-YEI LINK

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The Link between Winchester and Eastleigh Healthcare NHS Trust and Yei Civil Hospital and Martha Clinic, and Yei National Health Training Institute has been established since November 2010. Since then our teams of nurses, midwives, doctors, physiotherapists, engineers and other colleagues have carried out multiple trips to Yei. The link has been successful in obtaining a number of grants from organisations such as the Tropical Health Education Trust. We were also successful in obtaining medical text books from British Medical Association for the hospital in Yei.



Figure 1. Martha Clinic outpatient clinic. (credit Poppy/John Spens)

Our trips involve various activities including, but not limited to, teaching, training, equipment maintenance: service and staff development as well as quality improvement projects – see Figures 1, 2 and 3.

Our main aims are to improve and learn from each other, to train local health staff to provide sustainable quality health care in the area, concentrating on what Yei needs. Our staff equally benefit from the link and the visits on personal, clinical, managerial and leadership levels.

Recently the link has managed to raise funds for opening a sustainable blood bank and a transfusion service in Yei Civil Hospital to serve the local population. This will be one of the key focuses in our next trip on 1st May 2015.



Figure 2. Dr Simon Struthers helping on the paediatric ward. (credit Tom Price)



Figure 3. Mending hospital equipment. (credit Tom Price)

Ideas and support are welcome, Donations are welcome to Brickworks, a charity we work with and that raises money for funding the visits and equipment such as the blood bank fridge.

We would like to thank all those who supported us and our future supporters, without them our goals would be harder to achieve.

See www.thebrickworks.org.uk for further details.

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