

Westgate Medical Practice Dundee

Twinning with
Matawale Clinic,
Zomba, Malawi



Background

- Westgate have enjoyed a twinning link with a clinic in Malawi (the warm heart of Africa) since 2006
- All started with Pam Wilson DN at Westgate going to Malawi as part of VSO scheme
- Received £94,000 from Scottish Govt to set up twinning of ten Scottish/Malawian Clinics
- Became a registered charity in 2012
- Member of the Scotland Malawi Partnership
<http://www.scotlandmalawipartnership.org>



Why?

- Idea came about following emails from Pam in Malawi
- Historical links
- Enabling rather than aid
- Help colleagues
- Because we care

Matawale Clinic

- City of Zomba, Southern Malawi
- 45,000 patients
- No doctors- Clinical Officers/Nurses
- Decent building with Out-Patients Centre, Maternity Unit, Dispensary, Laboratory, under 5 clinic
- Use IT to record contacts
- Good leadership
- Patient Group







What can we do?

- Internet access for educational support for health care staff
- Internet access for patient education
- Modest equipment support
- Staff exchanges
- Facilitate students on electives/degree programmes
- Regular dialogue

What's Next

- Installation of Solar Panels.
- Keep up dialogue with DHO to see areas of concern get addressed.
- Regular dialogue

