

ENT Malawi Partnership

Ungweru

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Workshop

- What is Ungweru and what have we done
- What are the issues we have run into
- Discuss these and relate to any issues in the group

Ungweru: Light in the Dark

- What:
 - To improve ENT provision in Malawi
- How:
 - By improving nursing provision
 - By providing a medical network
 - By facilitating access to ENT in the UK

Ungweru: In the beginning

- Initiated by ENT Fife Nursing Staff and Sheffmed
- Offered to sponsor reconnaissance trip by ENT Fife staff
- Country of 16.5 million people.
- 1 ENT surgeon and 1 Head and neck surgeon.
- Based in Blantyre, the country's main business centre



Reconnaissance

- Plan for us to assess what was needed
- Not what we thought was needed
- No “White landcruiser syndrome”
- “Give a man a fish and he feeds for a day, teach him to fish and he feeds for the rest of his life”

What was found

- Not what was expected
- Not what we thought
 - Tonsil kit
- Worse and better than we thought
 - Great staff, great enthusiasm
 - Poor kit, poor expertise





Needs

- Simple
- Bottom up
- Shelves – trays – organise theatre – more efficient lists
- Not fancy kit (microscope graveyard...)
- Maintenance: screwdrivers, bulbs
- We do not want to parachute in to do operations
 - Surgeon very capable...

Bottom Line

- Nurses underpin everything
- Surgeon capable
- They need to own it

Ungweru was born

- Partnership visits between here and there
- Linking with other groups who visit
 - Dave Strachan from Bradford
 - Cochlear implant
 - Commercial backing
- Been going three years now.
 - 3 sets of visitors to Kirkcaldy

Good example: Norway in Malawi

- Sponsor nurses in neurosurgery to work for year in Oslo
- Then return and implement training
- Implementation helped by Norwegian nurses going to Malawi

It does work



First Step

- Reciprocal Visit
- Nurse and Clinical Officer
- November 2016



Second Fife Visit

- Ward nurse and Theatre Charge nurse and Consultant went back
- Plan based on initial visit and experience there
- Worked to implement changes
- Identified staff

