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Help fellow clinicians return to their profession

We would love to increase our pool of clinicians within Greater Manchester interested in helping our refugee members. Please read on to see the main ways that you may be able to help – and rest assured that we recognise the pressures that clinical teams face and provide as much support as possible including with all the necessary contractual arrangements with HR departments.

Reache North West is an education centre that supports refugee health professionals gain the necessary skills and qualifications to re-enter their profession and become safe and effective practitioners in the UK National Health Service. We are funded by NHS Health Education England and operate as part of Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust. We run English language classes and clinical teaching programmes with a particular emphasis on practice in the context of British culture and the NHS.

Membership

Reache North West currently has about 75 members studying for English and professional examinations: doctors, nurses, dentists and other health professionals. Since the project was established in 2003 about 196 members have returned to work in their professional role.

Clinical Placements

One of our main clinical projects is to arrange training placements for our doctors once they have gained the necessary qualifications and are registered with the GMC. At this final stage before they apply for jobs in the NHS we like to offer them a three month placement working with a team in an unpaid honorary post at Foundation Year 1 level. We are looking for consultant clinical supervisors to help on this scheme from time to time. We also need teams willing to welcome our members, once we consider they have appropriate English language skills, as observers on a shorter clinical attachments or one-week NHS taster placements.

Teaching

We are grateful to anyone able to volunteer to give some teaching for one to two hours on a Wednesday afternoon in the Mayo Building education centre at Salford Royal. We like to cover a range of topics through the year that are relevant to the PLAB examination curriculum, which includes all the main specialties, with particular reference to any recent developments and national guidance. We have more information about this and all the ways of helping at our website: <http://reache.wordpress.com/>

Please let us know if you would be happy to be a potential contact for any of these projects!

With thanks from all of us at Reache North West