

Honorary Clinical Lecturer: Malawi

We need a resourceful qualified psychiatrist to work in Malawi to help coordinate and deliver a psychiatric training programme with our Malawian colleagues at Kumuzu University, Blantyre.

The post receives a bursary of £24,000 with free accommodation and travel expenses and use of a car.

The post would be ideal for a recently retired psychiatrist or one coming out of (or entering) specialist training. The postholder needs to hold MRCPsych or equivalent.

Malawi in southeastern Africa has a population of 19 million people. In September 2022 the fourth Malawian psychiatrist qualified after a four-year training. The Scotland Malawi Mental Health Education Project (www.smmhep.org.uk) has trained three of the four psychiatrists Malawi now has. We aim to get ten trained by 2027: do you want to be part of that story?

Postgraduate training is the result of educating and enthusing medical students about mental health. This has been a core part of SMMHEP's work for the past 15 years. The undergraduate curriculum is modular so SMMHEP has been sending three or four volunteer psychiatrists out on a rolling programme to help deliver this and assess students. They usually come for three to six weeks.

If you chose to do this you would get to know first-hand about mental health services in a developing country. You would be an honorary clinical lecturer at the new medical school. You would have staff student and patient contact. Ideally, you would be there for up to a year to help keep the programme on track. You would need to be conscientious, organised, flexible and hospitable. You would need to have your heart in the right place.

If you are interested, please read the job outline and get in touch with either robert.c.stewart@ed.ac.uk or davidcrossley@doctors.org.uk.