

The Tropical Health and Education Trust



THET NHS Links Conference 2006 Sharing Best Practice: Learning from NHS Links

? **“Specialist Links and the NHS Links Network, Chair Prof Rachel Jenkins, Royal College of Psychiatrists**

*This workshop will outline links between professional associations and other similar organisation and overseas partners. Marcia Zondervan, Programme Manager of the Vision 2020 Links Programme and **Mr John McGrath, UROLINK**, will offer practical example on how specialist Links can contribute to NHS Links and vice versa.*

The NHS Links meeting talk was very well received. There was a lot of interest in a specialty-based approach and a lot of discussion about how we evaluate our links / visits. The general feeling was that the SAC guidelines we have produced are of considerable use as more and more people jump on the bandwagon to Africa. Many people find the THET approach (institutional link / take your chief exec to Africa) very labour intensive and feel that having the backing of an organisation such as UROLINK would help validate their trip / leave. I think that UROLINK needs to keep a high profile within the NHS Links organisation and may have a key role in advising on the 'regulatory' aspect - i.e. with trainees guidance / how specialties link in / guidance for visits and evaluation.



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