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Dear Colleague

Improving Global Health through Leadership and Development

Following a very successful start to the programme, NESC is now commencing recruitment again for this innovative and exciting programme. We are in the second year of our successful partnership with the Maddox Jolie Pitt Foundation in Cambodia and the first year of a similar programme based in Tanzania, working with the United Nations Development Project team (UNDP).

The programme provides a unique educational experience. Participants have the opportunity to develop leadership skills through the application of quality improvement methods, developing a transferable skill set applicable to working within the NHS. At the same time participants also contribute in a sustainable way to the health needs of the local area, concentrating on achieving the millennium development goals for health.

Please will you cascade this invitation to eligible candidates for consideration. We are especially keen to hear from professionals with some experience of working in maternal and/or child health and/or any experience of working in community settings.

Further details of the programme, person specification, application forms and supporting information can be found at www.nesc.nhs.uk using the link on the home page to “Improving Global Health”.

As a minimum, doctors must be employed on an ST3 grade post and others on Agenda for Change band 6 post, and be able to spend between three and six months out on placement.

Individuals must have sought, and obtained agreement and support from their employer to participate on the programme. Full details of responsibilities of both the employee and employer are available in the “Letter of Commitment” document also on the website.

It is anticipated that Fellows will be on placement from July 2010. The deadline for the receipt of applications is Monday 29th March 2010. Short-listed candidates will be informed by email by Friday 2nd April 2010.

Please send completed application forms with your CV, to Sophie Mayo, Team Project Support Coordinator, NESC, Southern House, Otterbourne, Winchester SO23 2RU.

If you wish to discuss the project further, please email improvingglobalhealth@nesc.nhs.uk
It would be greatly appreciated if some organisations were willing to contribute towards some of the costs associated with this programme, such as contribution to salary.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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