



## Minutes of the Leicester-Gondar Executive Group Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017, 5pm

**Attendees:** Heather Dipple (Chair)      Mike Silverman      Sandra Kemp  
Peter Houtman      Christine Illiffe      Richard Power  
Nick Brown      Doug Tincello      Alison Platts (observer)  
Jack Hunter (Guest/Leicester De Montfort Rotary Club)      Kathy Astbury

1. **Apologies:** Mark Goodwin, Theresa Phillips, Ash Mokashi, Carol Greenway, Laurence Wicks, Dan Rogers, Barrie Rathbone, Steve Hardy, Geoff Woodruff
2. **Minutes from the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017** were agreed as a true record
3. **Matters Arising:**
  - Grant Updates – Gondar underspend at the completion of the Patient Safety (THET/DFID) project of 37,440.32 ETB (approx. £1,050) is outstanding. Communication is ongoing between LGL and Gondar to ensure it's secure and available for LGL/HALE purposes in the future.
  - Administration – International Office Review, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Awaiting confirmation of recommendations.

#### 4. **Administration:**

Business Visa applications (HD) – HALE/LGL insurance only covers travellers to Gondar on Business Visas. The process to obtain a business visa is –

- Letter of invitation from Gondar sponsor signed by a (Gondar) person of authority.
- Once signed Fekade Haile Baraki ([bhfe1@gmail.com](mailto:bhfe1@gmail.com)) will process the application through the Ethiopian authorities in Addis.
- Once approved, the Ethiopian Embassy in London is informed and the traveller can apply for a business visa from the Ethiopian Embassy in London.

## 5. Project Updates: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

### **ACTION - Members are asked to confirm which projects are currently 'Active'**

- Mental Health (Heather Dipple / Lynn Wroe) (*Verbal update provided, to be shared with HALE Trustees 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017*)

#### Activity :

- Heather and Clay Frake visited Gondar 25<sup>th</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- Difficulties in gaining access to public transport has been indentified. Therefore the Mental Health Outreach Programme (HALE/LGL) has a signed agreement with the University of Gondar to support the proposal to obtain a suitable vehicle to assist (left-hand drive 4x4 Toyota).
- The team are hoping to re-visit Gondar in October 2017.

Issues for Discussion : Any support in obtaining a vehicle to assist in gaining access to rural woreda's North Gondar zone, Amhara region would be appreciated.

- Patient Safety (THET/DFID) / Nursing & IPC (Sandra Kemp) (*Project Reporting Form information below, to be shared with HALE Trustees 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017*)

#### Activity :

- The Patient Safety project has now come to an end and has been very successful. 1000 members of staff at Gondar Hospital have been trained in Infection Prevention and Control, mainly Hand Hygiene, Sharps Safety and Occupational Health & Safety. There has been a big improvement in Hand Hygiene with compliance at more than 75%. There has been a 50% reduction in Sharps Injuries and there is notable improvement in Health & Safety, with most staff receiving Hepatitis B vaccine for the first time.
- There were five people in the Gondar team at the start and eight at the end. From the start we agreed on an open and honest approach to working together and we agreed to celebrate each small success we had, and there many of those. The team there learned to work well together and had regular meetings with agendas, minutes and updates. They planned their work together and impressively became a cohesive team that worked well. I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to work with them and thank THET / DFID for funding the project. I also thank Yalelet, Amsalu, Avier, Addisu, Aklilu, Giziew, Yohannes and Dr Meseret for their hard work and commitment to the project.
- At the end of the project we all went to Addis to visit the Ministry of Health and 3 hospitals with good management systems.

Issues for Discussion : None

- Kolladiba Health Centre Development Project (Christine Illiffe) (*Verbal update provided, to be shared with HALE Trustees 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017*)

Activity :

- 4 of the 10 health centres have been completed (February 2017) with an increase of 1300 women arriving to deliver their babies and attend the anti-natal clinic.
- Work on the remaining 6 health centres will start in December 2017.
- Interim report to the James Tudor Foundation is due.

Issues for Discussion : None

- Orthopaedic Operating Room, Gondar & Trauma Management (Laurence Wicks / Richard Power) (*Verbal update provided, to be shared with HALE Trustees 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017*)

Activity :

- UHL Team visited Gondar March 2017.
- They are supporting a project in partnership with the Rotary Club of Leicester and Rotary International (global grant).
- This is a 5 year project over 2 phases –
  - Short Term – Raising required funds (£160k) to equip a trauma theatre
  - Long Term – Development training
- The UHL Team are planning to re-visit Gondar in November 2017.
- Leicester-Gondar Orthopaedic Partnership website is available at [www.LGOP.org](http://www.LGOP.org) or via the LGL website at <https://www2.le.ac.uk/institution/gondar-information-hub/projects>

**ACTION - Kathy to advertise [www.LGOP.org](http://www.LGOP.org) link on the Leicester-Gondar Link website. UPDATE - Completed**

Issues for Discussion : None

- Paediatric Ophthalmology (Geoff Woodruff) (*Project Reporting Form information below, to be shared with HALE Trustees 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017*)

Activity :

1) Mulusew Asferaw, Geoffrey Woodruff and Clare Gilbert (from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine) published their paper on causes of blindness in schools for the blind in gondar region. The full reference is **To cite:** Asferaw M, Woodruff G, Gilbert C. Causes of severe visual impairment and blindness in students in schools for the blind in Northwest Ethiopia. *BMJ Glob Health* 2017;**2**:e000264. doi:10.1136/bmjgh-2016-000264. Received 5 December 2016. Revised 17 March 2017. Accepted 20 March 2017. (Paper available on the LGL website - <https://www2.le.ac.uk/institution/gondar-information-hub/pub-files>)

2) We are currently preparing for submission a paper on the outcome of Cataract surgery in 142 children that Mulusew operated on for cataract between 2010 and 2014 in Gondar.

3) We are also working on project CHICOE (Children's Improvement in Cataract Outcome Ethiopia). We have secured agreement from all 6 of the surgeons undertaking paediatric cataract surgery in Ethiopia to participate in a national study. This study will use the telephone app for Epi Info (CDC Atlanta) for data collection. Geoff Woodruff ([geoff.woodruff@gmail.com](mailto:geoff.woodruff@gmail.com)) would be glad to hear from anyone with experience of using this software.

Issues for Discussion : None

## 6. Fundraising Plans & Events:

- London Marathon 2017 – Robyne McCarthy completed the London Marathon 2017 raising £1300 for HALE. HALE Trustees have formally recorded (Trustees meeting minutes 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017) and sent their congratulations and gratitude to Robyne.
- Crowdfunding - [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/hale-mental-health-project-in-ethiopia](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/hale-mental-health-project-in-ethiopia)  
This initiative didn't materialise.
- 2017 Half/Full Marathons – HALE to pay entry fees and money raised to be split 50/50 between HALE Unrestricted funds and the runner's specific preferred project.
  - Robin Hood (Nottingham), 24<sup>th</sup> Sept.
  - Leicester 15<sup>th</sup> Oct (previous London Marathon nominations (x 4) contacted).

**ACTION – Members are asked to forward names of any interested runners**

- Derby and Etwall Rotary Club has approached Heather offering their support to the Mental Health Projects.
- Peter informed members that a concert is being finalised to take place in the Autumn (2017).

## 7. Finance Report:

Peter informed members that HALE/LGL Unrestricted funds currently stand at £10,465.

**ACTION – Mike and Heather to write the criteria required for LGL members to be able to forward new initiative proposals to the HALE Trustees to access Unrestricted funds**

Heather informed members of a donation of £1,098.50 that has been received through Virgin Money Giving from Emily Anne Musk (Hertfordshire).

**ACTION – Kathy to contact Ms Musk, thank her for her donation and provide her with the HALE/LGL information and May 2017 Newsletter. UPDATE – Donation refunded, made in error.**

**8. Children’s Ward proposal**

Barrie provided an email in March 2017 outlining an interest of a play school project and a possible contact (Louise Ballard) to pursue this.

**ACTION – Kathy to ask Barrie for an update to the children’s play project email.**

**9. Any Other Business:**

- LGL Newsletter – May 2017 is available on the LGL website and Gondar Facebook. It has been emailed to HALE Trustees, LGL Executive members and Gondar contacts. It is being posted to HALE/LGL donors.
- LGL website has been updated. It is available for Executive members comments on the accuracy of information contained within and any possible further weeding suggestions. Link to site - <https://www2.le.ac.uk/institution/gondar-information-hub/about-gondar>

**ACTION - Members are asked to notify Kathy of their LGL website information accuracy and weeding suggestions**

- Sandra informed members of the work she is co-ordinating with the Fistula Hospital, Addis, supported by Stoma Aid UK, to provide ostomy supplies to Ethiopia. Plans to extend this opportunity to Gondar Hospital don’t appear possible at present.

**10. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 5pm  
Training Room 2, Clinical Education Centre,  
Jarvis Building, LRI

