



The Scottish Experience

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A team of 13 doctors from the College of Family Physicians visited the West of Scotland from 20th to 27th March 2004 to study their primary health care system. The study was facilitated by the University of Glasgow Department of Postgraduate Education.

The comprehensive programme covered various aspects of practice and service delivery, training, and research. There were also field visits to the Scottish practices.

The team was also briefed on the recent developments in professional standards and summative assessment programmes of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

Professor Lewis Ritchie, the Professor of General Practice in Aberdeen made the special trip from Aberdeen to give an afternoon presentation on



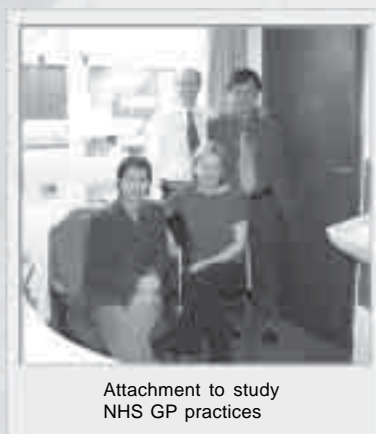
(L-R): Dr Goh Jin Hian, Dr Helen Leong Soh Sum, Dr Ho Han Kwee, Dr Matthew Ng, Professor Stuart Murray, A/Prof Goh Lee Gan, A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean, A/Prof Shanta Emmanuel, Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock, Dr Tan Yew Seng, Dr Tan Chee Beng, Dr Gilbert Tan & Dr Lee Kheng Hock taken at NHS Education Trust, Glasgow

undergraduate training and departmental research programme in his University.

There were several booklets of useful resource materials given by Professor Stuart Murray and his postgraduate

education team of the West of Scotland and Professor Lewis Ritchie. Special thanks are due to Professor Stuart Murray and the West of Scotland Region for a sponsorship of 8,000 sterling pounds towards this study trip.

The Study Visit Photos



The Study Visit Schedule

Day 1 - Monday 22nd March

- Objectives of visit – SWOT Analysis
Professor Stuart Murray
- Significant Event Analysis
Dr John Mckay & Mr Paul Bowie
- Audit and Management of Change
Dr John Mckay & Mr Paul Bowie

Day 2 – Tuesday 23rd March

- Practice & Professional Assessment
Dr Murray Lough & Dr Douglas Murphy
- Primary Care Research & Development
Dr Murray Lough & Dr Douglas Murphy

Day 3 – Wednesday 24th March

- Field Trip: Practice Visits to examine systems & IT

Day 4 – Thursday 25th March

- The use of video in teaching & training
Dr Colin Hodgson
- The MRCGP exam incorporating the use of video
Dr Rhona McMillan

Day 5 – Friday 26th March

- Undergraduate Department & Faculty Development
Professor Lewis Ritchie
- Vocational Training & the practice visit
Dr Moya Kelly
- Continuing Professional Development & revalidation
Dr Diane Kelly