

Graduation of first cohort of Chief Pharmaceutical Officer's Global Pharmacy Fellows

Sixteen pharmacists volunteering as part of the Commonwealth Partnerships for Antimicrobial Stewardship (CwPAMS) programme have completed a yearlong fellowship and today successfully graduate as the first cohort of the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer (CPhO) for England's Global Health Fellows.

Following the announcement of the CwPAMS partnerships in early February 2019, the appointed pharmacy global health fellows have undertaken a yearlong fellowship as part of the CwPAMS programmes in Ghana, Uganda, Tanzania or Zambia. In addition they completed a short Global Pharmacy Course supported by Brighton & Sussex Medical School as well as an adapted Health Education England (HEE) International Fellowship (IGH) Induction Programme, worked with a UK-based mentor throughout the Fellowship and have undertaken a leadership development experience using the NHS Healthcare Leadership model.

The development of the fellowship followed a request from Dr Keith Ridge, England's Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, recognising the positive impact the scheme will have for NHS staff. It was sponsored by HEE with technical leadership and fellowship programme management by the Commonwealth Pharmacist's Association.

"The current pandemic is a reminder of how health security issues such as COVID19 and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) truly transcend international boundaries and require a global response. Our Global Health Pharmacy Fellows have shown great leadership in antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) during the CwPAMS programme, and have also delivered on these projects despite being key workers during the pandemic. They have not only led the responses to the pandemic in their own health institutions in the UK, but extended this support to their CwPAMS partnerships. We are incredibly proud of the fellows' achievements and how they have represented the profession as leaders and role models on a global stage, especially in such challenging times. We hope their success will pave the way for a longstanding global health pharmacy fellowship scheme".

Victoria Rutter – Executive Director, CPA

Diane Ashiru-Oredope, Global AMR Lead, CPA and CPhO GH Fellowship programme lead

Acknowledgement

CwPAMS (Commonwealth Partnerships for Antimicrobial Stewardship) is a health partnership programme funded by the UK aid Fleming Fund to tackle antimicrobial resistance (AMR) globally. CwPAMS is managed by the Commonwealth Pharmacists Association (CPA) and the Tropical Health Education Trust (THET), an international NGO with expertise in delivering global health partnerships.

CwPAMS supports partnerships between the UK NHS and academic institutions and institutions in Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia to work together on AMS initiatives. It aims to enhance implementation of protocols and evidenced based decision making to support antimicrobial prescribing, as well as capacity for antimicrobial use surveillance. Further information about CwPAMS is available via <https://commonwealthpharmacy.org/commonwealth-partnerships-for-antimicrobial-stewardship/>.

The Fleming Fund is a £265 million UK aid investment to tackle antimicrobial resistance by supporting low- and middle-income countries to generate, use and share data on AMR. The programme is managed by the UK Department of Health and Social Care.

Notes to editors:

Further details on each of the Fellows available via <https://commonwealthpharmacy.org/cpho-global-health-fellows/>

The graduation event takes place on 04 September 2020. For further details contact Dr Diane Ashiru-Oredope via fellowship@commonwealthpharmacy.org

The Commonwealth Health Partnerships programme is delivered in collaboration with the Commonwealth Pharmacists Association (CPA) and the Tropical Health Education Trust (THET), an international NGO with expertise in delivering global health partnerships.

Commonwealth Health Partnerships involves volunteer NHS pharmacists and specialist nurses travelling to participating Commonwealth nations to work in partnership with local health workers to share expertise and jointly tackle the growing challenge of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

This programme is funded by UK aid, which is Official Development Assistance (ODA) funding; government money, which is spent for the benefit of those in low and middle income countries. ODA funding is separated from DHSC's core budget and that of the NHS and is allocated to the Department separately by HM Treasury.

Participating teams from the NHS have taken 1-2 annual placements of 1-2 weeks at hospital sites in Commonwealth countries. Between visits teams will keep in touch through online mentoring arrangements.

The CPA – Commonwealth Pharmacists Association is a charity who support pharmacists across the Commonwealth, through sharing knowledge and skills, to enhance the profession and improve medicines use and patient health and wellbeing.

CPHo Global Health Fellows
 New Global Health Fellowships for 16 UK Pharmacists that are part of the Commonwealth Partnerships for Antimicrobial Stewardship (#CwPAMS)

The poster displays 16 individual profiles, each consisting of a portrait, a name, and a brief description of their placement. The profiles are arranged in a grid-like fashion. A map of the Commonwealth is visible in the top right corner of the poster. The text for each profile is too small to transcribe accurately, but it appears to include the name of the pharmacist, their current role, and the location of their placement.