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Your name:	Peter Odor	Location of project:	Sri Lanka
Value of grant received:	£400 Funded by the Association of Anaesthetists	Date of travel:	11-17/8/18
Name of project:	Care Quality Improvement Network workshop		
Brief outline of the project: (100 words)			
<p>Over two days, 52 delegates attended from Sri Lanka, Pakistan, India, Hong Kong, Germany and the UK. These attendees were doctors, nurses, students, researchers and teachers representing surgery, obstetrics & gynaecology, anaesthesia, critical care, cardiology and public health. Formal teaching on QI methods was delivered by a mixture of short presentations and interactive groupwork facilitated by faculty. QI projects were developed concerning: ICU sedation; referral of deteriorating patients; surgical site infection; perioperative pain assessment; timely ECG recording for chest pain. The workshop was presented to the Annual Sessions of the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka two days later.</p>			
Your evaluation of the project: (100 words)			
<p>Delegates were genuinely enthusiastic in measuring and improving the quality in their local settings. Collecting data was highlighted as a frequent barrier, but innovative and generalizable solutions were cited from Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the UK. Similarly, a useful framework, drawn from psychology, was used to help teams use deliberate strategies to persuade their colleagues to collaborate. Personal challenges for me included: helping to plan and organise a meeting dependent upon the goodwill of international faculty who were previously unknown to each other; and adapting my teaching and presentation styles to suit the local contexts.</p>			
Feedback from local participants in the project: (100 words)			
<p>The workshop was the first time that many delegates had been exposed to the concept of Quality Improvement. Only 25% of delegates had received formal QI training prior to the workshop. Afterwards, 81% of delegates strongly agreed that the course had contributed to their QI knowledge and all delegates agreed that they could apply what they had learned in their own clinical settings.</p>			
Sustainable and long-term impact of the project: (100 words)			
<p>This workshop has helped to build local capacity for improvement and research. At least two of the QI projects are currently being developed for imminent implementation. 14 delegates stated that they intend to implement the QI project they had developed during the workshop in their own clinical settings. These projects and individuals will be supported by expertise and infrastructure within the local Network for Improving Critical care Systems and Training, as well as UK academics and clinicians from the UCL Centre for Perioperative Medicine. Furthermore, informal commitments were made for collaborative research projects involving international stakeholders.</p>			
Conclusions/recommendations for future engagement with local anaesthetists: (100 words)			
<p>The workshop succeeded in its three aims: formal teaching and discussion of QI techniques and methodologies; development of specific QI projects for future implementation; to grow an international collaboration of clinicians and academics for education, improvement and research. Delegates from different cultures, health systems and disciplines interacted constructively to make significant contributions to the event. Future engagement should focus upon: supporting at least one local QI project to be implemented and rigorously evaluated; repeating the workshop annually; facilitating remote collaboration between international partners; promoting free online learning resources; promoting opportunities for international fellowships.</p>			

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