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- Dr Nazim is Consultant Neurodevelopmental Paediatrician with interest in Epilepsy and Neurodisability.
- Dr Nazim graduated from Gezira University in 1996. He was elected as teaching assistant in the Department of Community Medicine after graduation. He completed his internship and then a postgraduate Diploma in Public Health. He also worked as lecturer in community medicine in the International University of Africa and taught the first batch in the Faculty of Medicine in 1999/2000. He contributed to the development of the curriculum of community medicine in the International University of Africa based on Gezira model. He also volunteered to work and manage Malakal Children Hospital in Southern Sudan during the Civil War. He was working closely with UNICEF and other National and International NGOs in 1998.
- He has been an active charity volunteer since the age of 13 years. He is currently an active member of the local school governing body in London. He contributes to National and International media in issues related to child health.
- In UK he progressed with his paediatrics training and took several paediatric posts in Lewisham, St Mary's and Imperial College NHS Foundation Trust and North East London Foundation Trust.
- He has been working as Consultant Community Paediatrician since March 2013.
- Dr Nazim is on the GMC Specialist Register. He is a member of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. He is also a member of several British academies and associations in the field of child health, childhood disability, community paediatrics and neurology.
- Dr Nazim has obtained MSc in community paediatrics from University of London. He has a certificate in management and leadership from the Chartered Management Institute.
- He has taken several lead roles during his work in community paediatrics in the UK. He is experienced in working in multi-agency settings.
- He has been actively involved in the Community Child Health service improvement and development in North East London. The aim is to provide strategic direction for the future of community paediatrics in North East London. The main goal is the development and implementation of a new model to integrate children's community services and child and adolescent mental health services. This is through:
 - Oversee the development and implementation of a new integrated model.
 - Monitor delivery of the project plan.
 - Ensure all risks are identified and managed.
 - Actively contribute to delivery of the project objectives.
- Dr Nazim, in addition to his charity activities, is also keen to develop good relation between UK/Europe and Sudan in the field of Paediatrics and Child Health.

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Abstract

Community child health service improvement and development in Sudan

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Background and objectives:

A visiting team, composed of two Speech and Language Therapists and one community paediatrician, arrived in Sudan with the aim of raising the awareness about managing and rehabilitating children with physical, neurodevelopmental and multisensory impairment. The team has worked with local Sudanese professionals and identified several needs in community child health.

Methods:

Information was collected from visits to universities, clinics, orphanages, rehabilitation homes and other institutes. Information was collected through focus group discussions, direct interviews of professionals and parents as well as from clinics.

Results:

A total of 52 families have been interviewed and their children have been assessed. There is clear lack of awareness, understanding of the nature of several neurological disabilities and neurodevelopmental disorders and their management. The need for education, training, research, service improvement and development in community child health, neurodevelopment, multisensory impairment and neurological disabilities have become very clear.

Conclusions:

All parties including local charities, UK visiting professionals, Sudanese professionals and parents agreed on the importance for service improvement and development as well as empowering local professionals through education, training and research. The second mission from UK will include senior therapists and senior community paediatrician. The aim of the visit was to explore the possibility of establishing a centre of excellence in Child Development and Community Child Health. The team will also explore the possibilities of running both undergraduate and postgraduate programs in SALT and Occupational therapy in Sudan. The mission participants will deliver their views in the International Child Neurology Association (ICNA) Conference that will be held in Khartoum in the period from 28 – 30 January 2015. The session will be in a workshop for targeted audience.

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