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Master of Science Degrees in Health Management

Last month, the Gibraltar Health Authority commenced a 2 year MSc Degree course, specialising in 'Leadership and Management within Health Services'. Thirteen GHA staff from a wide variety of disciplines have been successful in their application for this course, which will be provided by Kingston University at St Bernard's Hospital, School of Health Studies.

Leading academics supplying material and tuition will regularly visit Gibraltar to deliver lectures and support towards locally geared projects which are relevant to the services provided by the GHA. Typically, the main subject areas will include an in-depth study of the following: Strategic Health Management and Governance in context; Managing Health Services for Quality; Leading People and Organisational Change in Health; Health Services Marketing; Managing Information in Health; Aspects of Financial Resource Management in Health; and Research Methods and Dissertation in Health Management. The first of these will be delivered in Gibraltar on the 26th March 2014.

This has been the result of a long process of planning and negotiation with Kingston University who together with St George's, University of London, currently operate in partnership with the GHA, towards providing the local delivery of Diplomas and Degrees in Health Care, Paramedic Science, and Nursing. The Minister for Health & the Environment, who confirmed the arrangements during a recent visit to Kingston, commented,

"I am particularly thrilled about the delivery of this locally based Master's Degree that specifically targets GHA employees. Government is continually taking steps towards raising overall standards and quality in our health service. This programme will not only encourage staff to strengthen their own leadership and managerial skills but will also help create greater focus on what is most crucial, to ensure that the main beneficiaries of everything we do are our patients and other service users. In addition, this is a unique and important opportunity to help enable locally based succession planning by equipping our staff with the right balance of experience, skill, knowledge, and academic study."