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Global partnerships to improve health systems for mothers and babies

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Aims and Objectives

Promoting north-south learning and innovations to improve the quality of health systems for maternal and child health.

- To build the evidence base for improvement science in health facilities with a focus on quality of care, patient safety and accountability.
- To facilitate capacity building for health systems improvement and improve value for investment in health service delivery.

Cross disciplinary nature and focus

- We have brought together IGH and UCLPartners (UCLP) to explore ideas and innovations for improving quality of health systems.
- IGH has a vast experience of working in Africa while UCLP has undertaken innovative quality improvement work in the UK.

Activities to date

- Three rounds of meetings with IGH & UCLP including other partners from within UCL/UCLP (e.g. North Middlesex hospital, CORU)
- A major proposal submitted to MRC for consideration.

Outputs

IGH and UCLP will working together to understand potential approaches to diffusion of innovation ("innofusion") and whole system improvement approaches to maximise patient and population benefit in resource poor settings.

Outputs include:

- Inter-disciplinary UCL team meetings Proposal submitted to potential funders (incl. development agencies and health care funders)

Benefits

- IGH in collaboration with other UCLP partners has potential to establish a cross-disciplinary systems improvement model
- Greater understanding of relationship between resource use and quality in health care – vital as all systems struggle under increasing resource constraint
- Deeper relationships between NHS/UK academia and their counterparts in developing settings
- This project contributes to broader work on evaluating health systems improvement

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