



## Global Emergency Care Collaborative Newsletter – Winter 2025

### A wintry hello from us

As 2026 comes closer, it isn't quite clear what we'll all be facing as various pockets of global instability feel like they grow less stable by each passing month. What *is* clear is that the genuine partnerships we grow with our EM colleagues across the globe and the human connection this brings, will incrementally raise us all toward a better direction.

### News and developments

- Growing our team

For the past 6 years we have been supported by exceptional individuals who share our vision for creating an outward facing UK emergency care community. To keep on growing we'd like to build on what we have by creating small teams within the whole. If you would be interested in a position - initially fixed term for 12 or 24 months please get in touch. The teams we plan to build include:

- Event co-ordination
- Gurus
- Social media
- Blog development
- Web support



- Online panel follow on from Summer Event

You may recall that immediately following our very successful Global Health & Emergency Care Research Summit in Sheffield, attendees were keen for our final panel "*Research as advocacy in humanitarian emergencies*" to be given a space of its own for discussion to develop. Thanks to 5<sup>th</sup> year medical student Edie Jones who took the lead on delivering this, we hosted this panel in August. For anyone who missed it, find the recording on our website.



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### Opportunities

There are a number of opportunities in the global health and EM space - we update our website regularly with these, but wanted to spotlight a few key ones for you below:

- **Seeking online presenters for the RCEM EM Foundation Programme**

If you are post-CCT/CESR in Emergency or Paediatric Emergency Medicine (or exceptionally in final year of training with significant teaching experience) and would like to contribute to the EMFP teaching programme (minimal time commitment) in Pakistan please contact [victoria.dewitt@rcem.ac.uk](mailto:victoria.dewitt@rcem.ac.uk)

- **Samir foundation - mentoring for Palestinian medical students**

An opportunity has arisen to remotely support the rebuild of healthcare infrastructure in Gaza via the Samir Foundation who are looking for a broad range of colleagues to provide education and mentorship as a way to bridge gaps for medical students. The time commitment is not huge and there is a call for a wide range of seniority.

- **Migrant health survey**

Natasha Matthews is requesting responses to an important survey which seeks to understand the availability of services for vulnerable migrants in UK emergency departments. The deadline is 14<sup>th</sup> December so please take a moment to help build a picture of what support exists for a group whose needs are frequently unmet.

- **PhD opportunity for UK & Africa**

The CREATE PhD Programme (funded by Wellcome) is looking for a matched cohort of UK & Africa-based PhD students in healthcare to create a blended cohort of 'South-North' fellows. African fellowships are funded by a variety of external funders as well as supported through local partnerships

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**National Survey  
on Health Services  
for Vulnerable  
Migrants in UK  
Emergency  
Departments**

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ATTENTION EMERGENCY MEDICINE CLINICIANS

**KEY INFORMATION**

- ✓ For ED clinical leads, managers, and frontline clinicians
- ⌚ Takes 10–30 mins to complete
- 📅 Deadline 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- 📢 Please share with eligible colleagues and help shape better care

Access the survey at <https://bit.ly/migrant-health-survey>



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### GECCo Gurus



For our next GECCo Global Health Gurus we are looking forward to hearing from Najeef Rahman and then later Giles Cattermole. Both have extensive experience in various aspects of global health and emergency care. We are very fortunate to have them offer their time and expertise so don't miss out on the limited spaces we have. The date for Najeef's session is **27<sup>th</sup> November 2025** and [you can sign up here](#). For Giles' session look out for updates but we have a plan for a January date coming soon! If you want a reminder of some of Giles' experience you can check out his [blog from earlier this year](#) focussing on his work with EUSEM. Meanwhile if you know any senior and experienced colleagues who would be ideal as Gurus definitely let us know.

### Getting involved



As you've read under 'News and Developments' we are really looking to grow what GECCo can achieve. New team members have always been both welcome and fundamentally instrumental to the work we do. Please reach out if you want to collaborate no matter where you are based. Even if you aren't sure if you'd want to get involved and just have a few questions initially, Prior experience in global health is wonderful and welcome but is definitely not required: just some enthusiasm for it and a bit of energy and time. We also always welcome new ideas- if there is something you'd like to see us doing, please come and do it with us!

Whilst we are a broadly spread group across the UK, a number of us are based in Yorkshire/North West and will plan to get together over dinner around the festive season, on the evening of **17<sup>th</sup> December in central Manchester**. If you'd like to join us get in touch via email [contactgecco@gmail.com](mailto:contactgecco@gmail.com) before 1st December.