

About you

Saleh Ahmed



Name

General Practitioner
Future Leader
MBA Candidate
Humanitarian Doctor

Job Title

Where are you based?

Barton Group Surgery (6 sessions)
Bedfordshire CCG Clinical Lead (2 Sessions)
Cranfield School of Management
MedGlobal – Rohingya Committee

What is your background
Family,
Training,
Experiences?

I am a 2nd generation British Bangladeshi. My father came to the UK in 1957 and worked in industry. My mother was a full-time homemaker. I am the youngest of 3 siblings and grew up in a working class environment in Luton.

I went to a local comprehensive school and went on to study Medicine at St Bartholomew's and the Royal London Medical School (London).

My junior years were carried out in various hospitals in London and I completed my GP vocational training in Barnet.

Along the way, I did a fellowship as a visiting teacher at Guys and St Thomas' Medical School, focusing on undergraduate clinical education in the community.

I also worked in process management at a large (25,000 patient) practice in Greenwich where I helped to redesign the duty doctor service.

Over the years, I have worked delivering healthcare in the developing world. Most recently, I worked in a medical camp in Bangladesh looking after the Rohingya refugees.

What attracted you to a
portfolio career, what can
it offer you?

There is ever increasing complexity in General Practice, with an ageing population, spending cuts and gaps in the workforce. A diverse portfolio allows me to continue to enjoy General Practice without over burdening myself.

Why did you choose the
GP Fellowship
programme

The fellowship provides a bespoke work package which provides diversity as well as challenge. The ability to mix up the working week and have the opportunity to be a part of large scale change has been a driving force. This is supplemented with an MBA from the Cranfield School of Management which provides world leading skills in Leadership and Business.

What has your
experience of the
programme been and
how has this supported
your career development

The programme has been incredibly rewarding and challenging at the same time. It has given me a real appreciation for the challenges that we face with the NHS moving forward.

Workforce shortages, budget cuts, low morale, increasing complexity of patient mix are some of the major challenges the NHS faces – as a result change is inevitable. The programme has allowed me to help shape some of that change locally.