

7th July 2014

Dear Volunteer,

New date for workshops and lectures in Ghana

It is a shame that after you have put in a lot of hard work towards our October project in Ghana that I have to write to you to cancel the programme and to start a process of arranging a new date maybe early next year.

The outbreak of Ebola virus in some West African countries is closely being monitored. Today, the first SUSPECTED case of the virus has been reported in Accra. It is only suspected, not confirmed but it brings home the potential dangers to our volunteers. I think that in the interest of safety, at least a six month monitoring of the situation is necessary to protect our volunteers from un-necessary harm especially as we have been expecting health workers who interact with patients to attend our workshops from all over the country. All arrangements to obtain material support for the project should not be cancelled as we can store the items for the workshops.

If the situation becomes clearer over the next six months and Ghana is reported free from the virus for about 3 months at least, then we could be looking at February or April/May 2015.

I am disappointed but happy to take this step in the interest of safety. I know the concerns expressed by people about the Commonwealth games in Glasgow when a lot of people from West Africa are coming to UK. THAT REQUIRES A POLITICAL DECISION, but ours is very simple. We don't do politics. We are health workers who will somehow and sometimes sadly follow politicians when 'legislated' to do so. For the moment, 'common-health' sense should prevail without politics.

Sorry if you have already arranged your leave. Regarding the meeting on 27th July,

I will get back to you on that. There could still be important issues to discuss!

Have a nice working day!

Thank you.

The Presidency,

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