Fellow positions in Refugee Health

The Victorian Department of Health has funded five refugee health fellow positions to build capacity across the state to improve refugee and asylum seeker health care

Their roles include:

- Improving coordination of refugee and asylum seeker health care
- Providing advice and liaison about clinical issues in people who are refugee background/asylum seekers
- Providing education in refugee health to GPs, specialists, nurses, hospital staff and allied health as required, and in response to provider requests.

Fellows are happy to speak to either large or small groups, and can travel to outer metropolitan or regional areas if required. They can provide information across a variety of topics, and are happy to compile information on emerging issues.



The Royal Melbourne Hospital Dr Kudzai Kanhutu and Dr Joanne Gardiner

Dr Kudzai Kanhutu and Dr Joanne Gardiner are based at the Victorian Infectious Diseases Service (VIDS) at the Royal Melbourne Hospital (RMH) and the Peter Doherty Institute in Parkville.

Kudzai is an infectious diseases physician who works through the Refugee Health Clinic with a particular interest in women's health and public health policy.

Joanne is a GP with a special interest in refugee mental health who also works in community health and at Foundation House. She runs a Refugee and Asylum Seeker GP clinic on Tuesday mornings at VIDS for refugee health assessments, complex problems, mental health and those not linked into a GP. Contact Joanne directly for referral enquiries at the email/telephone number listed below.

Available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (Kudzai) and Monday–Friday (Joanne)Email refugee.fellow@mh.org.au Telephone +61 3 9342 7000



Monash Health

Dr Mark Timlin

Dr Mark Timlin is a GP at the Refugee Health and Wellbeing Service at Monash Health in Melbourne's South East. He has extensive experience in refugee health, having spent some time in Afghanistan, and has a particular interest in mental health.

Available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Email mark.timlin@monashhealth.org Telephone +61 3 9792 8100 Mobile 0407 051 086





The Royal Children's Hospital Dr Sophie Oldfield and Dr Karen Kiang

Dr Sophie Oldfield and Dr Karen Kiang are senior paediatric trainees and fellows with the Immigrant Health Service (IHS) at The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Melbourne. They provide clinical care for children of refugee and asylum seeker background during the IHS Monday afternoon clinic, and Sophie also provides an outreach clinic in Footscray. They also support other child-related services (early

intervention, schools, maternal child health nurses, allied health, etc.). Both have a strong interest in international child health, with Sophie also having a special interest in community paediatrics.

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