

BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital inks MoU with BAPIO for upskilling healthcare workforce

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The Indo-UK partnership is aimed at bridging the gaps in understanding of research, medical advancements, and creating training and exchange programmes to benefit the trainees and both the countries

BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital, part of IHH Healthcare, has entered into collaboration with BAPIO and BTA (the educational arm of the British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin or BAPIO) with the aim of developing and providing world-class training and exchange programmes for doctors and nurses in India to meet the growing demands of effective and safe delivery of emergency care across the globe.

The MoU will further aid in enhancing the education and training of healthcare staff through international mentorship therefore improving the quality of care provided to patients at BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital, Bengaluru.

The persistent understaffing of the NHS in the UK has resulted in risk to staff and patient safety, both for routine and emergency care. According to recent study there is a shortage of 12,000 hospital doctors, and more than 50,000 nurses and midwives termed as "The greatest workforce crisis" in the history of the NHS. To mitigate this, as a part of solution; a framework agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for collaboration on health care workforce was signed on July 2022. This outlines the key ambitions of the UK-India partnership on healthcare workforce, in particular around support for recruitment and training of Nurses, Allied Health Professionals, and other categories of healthcare professionals identified by both the participants.

Similarly, this will result in upskilling and capacity building of Indian health workforce, which is much needed for Universal Health Coverage programme.