

Clinical visit to University Hospitals of North Midlands National Health Service (UHNM NHS) Trust, the Royal Stoke University Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent and County Hospital, Weston Road, Stafford in England.

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Dear NFOG Board

I had the pleasure to visit the colposcopy clinic at the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the Royal Stoke University Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent and County Hospital, Weston Road, Stafford in England, both are parts of the National Health Service (UHNM NHS) from 26-31.05.2019.

The first objective with the visit was to gain more knowledge about diagnosis and management of cervical abnormalities. Secondly to learn how colposcopy is organized and monitored in a country where colposcopy is only done by colposcopists with BSCCP (British Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology) certification.

During my stay, I had the opportunity to participate in many colposcopies and see how different abnormalities were evaluated and treated. I was also given information about the national colposcopy databank which is run by Public Health England and how registration is used to monitor and evaluate the performance of colposcopists in the UK for quality assurance purposes.

I found it very valuable to have gotten enhanced understanding and knowledge of both clinical colposcopy and the organization of colposcopy in a country which has set specific standards for education and performance of colposcopy.

This information will hopefully help in the work of reorganizing colposcopy services and the overall quality of colposcopy services in Iceland.