

REFUGEE

HEALTH

NETWORK



Civilians Flee Basra

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The network aims to

- keep members informed of changes to regulations, legislation and up to date with relevant news
- provide access to information and advice from some of the most experienced practitioner's in the country.
- share resources
- facilitate discussion on current practice
- make available information of conferences, seminars and other training opportunities.
- create an evidence-base of information for advocacy purposes

The RHN is open to those who are not members of Medact. However by choosing to join you will be helping to support our work.

Currently the RHN is supported entirely by Medact members.

Background

The Refugee Health Network was conceived following training sessions held on refugee health during the period 1999 -2001. In each case the evaluations recorded that some of the most important aspects of the day had been the ability to meet and share information with fellow health workers. The Refugee Health Network (RHN) was developed to enable this process to continue. The network is open to anyone who works with refugees and asylum seekers and has an interest in health issues.

Who we are

The network currently has 267members the vast majority of whom are health workers working directly with asylum seekers and refugees. Other members include academics, students and community workers.

What we do

Members of the network aims share information, resources and support. Many of our members have years of professional experience and are willing to share this expertise with others. Several successful partnerships and projects have been developed across the network. Above all it is a cooperative effort we all have something to share and something to learn.

How to join

The network operates using a yahoo email group. Details of how this works along with an explanation of how to join can be found overleaf. Please do contact us if you have any problems either joining the group or receiving messages

Some practical information

Subscribe

send an email to refugeenetwork-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Unsubscribe

send a blank email to: refugeenetwork-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

To send a message/ reply to a contribution to a group

It is very simple compose your message. Write an appropriate title in the subject space this should make clear to other members what the content of the email is about.

In the area marked To, write in refugeenetwork@yahoogroups.com

To contact the list manager OR if you have problems subscribing

Send an email to refugeenetwork-owner@yahoogroups.com OR moyrarushby@medact.org

Please note

- Messages sent to the list will be distributed to **all** members.
- Messages must be approved by moderator simply to ensure that private, commercial and abusive messages are not posted. There is **no** censorship of relevant messages
- If you want to reply to a single member send your response to their personal email address this reduces the amount of mail members receive..
- Attachments should be used only if absolutely necessary as they increase the risk of viruses being transmitted via the network, a link to the document on a website is faster and safer.
- The list is private and we take care to ensure only people involved in health care join, however confidentiality is not assured. Please be aware of this and do not post confidential information such as telephone numbers or clients names.
- Messages should **never** be re-posted outside the network without the consent of the originator of the message
- The list is to share information between members and **not publicity for commercial groups or for individuals to ask for health information.**
- Above all it is important to remember that it's much easier to offend people online so take care in how responses are formed. It wise to save and reread if you have written a response that might be angry or confrontational. **We will not post abusive or offensive messages**
- If the number of messages proves too much you can request a daily digest. If you are away for any period of time please email moyrarushby@medact.org and stop messages until after your return.