

British Culture & Language in GP consultations

This course is run by a linguistics expert who as a dual citizen from South Africa and who found aspects of British English and culture quite confusing and a bit difficult to get used to when interacting with people here.

Using the three themes of communication for: Gathering Information, Clinical Management and Managing interpersonal interactions, this interactive course looks below the surface at some of the language structures that are important for the kind of patient-centred GP consulting that is expected in the UK. During the course there will be opportunities to interact, practice and exchange ideas openly on some of the language aspects that are linked to British healthcare culture.

In addition, all participants will be given some individual communications feedback during this course.

The course presenter is a Biology and English Language Teacher who works in the University of Leeds Dental School and teaches healthcare communication.

Course Aims:

- To provide an intensive interactive language and communications day tailored to the needs of international GP trainees.
- To focus on language structures associated with the kind of patient-centred consulting expected in the UK's healthcare culture.
- To provide an opportunity for each participant to be given individual feedback on their communication skills through GP consultation roleplays.
- To provide a safe space to share ideas on how language and culture manifests itself in different healthcare environments.