The Darzi Fellows

2016 - 2017 profiles
Nazia Ahmad

I am Nazia Ahmad and my Darzi Fellowship is in Quality Improvement at BHRUT. I am a clinical occupational therapist with approximately 10 years of experience however more recently I have been working as an improvement facilitator at UCLH. The strengths I bring to the role include a real passion for quality improvement, valuing staff and patient experience and creating sustainable change. I am also interested in leadership and new roles within AHP's. I believe that QI methodology provides a robust framework for small changes that can lead to significant overall improvement.

My Darzi Project: Standardising care - developing the outstanding model ward.

Amal Alaoui

I am Amal Alaoui, my Darzi Fellowship is in integrated community working. I bring my years of experience working with diverse cultures as a community nurse in the community health settings environment in both inner city and rural areas. I am a motivated, approachable and enthusiastic individual. I enjoy working as part of a team. I am passionate about contributing to the future development of clinical service that is part of the future development of clinical service that is a part of the organisation programme in meeting patient’s quality of care. This consists of working with multi-professionals in the community to improve patient’s experience by facilitating care access and reducing hospital admissions.

My Darzi Project: Improving the patient experience by facilitating multi-disciplinary working.

Dr Mazin Alsaffar

I am a GP Registrar in Surrey; my Darzi fellowship will be with HEE South London. I will be working with the primary care workforce transformation team, focusing on the utilisation of community education provider networks (CEPN). I have a great passion for improving patient care and have been involved in numerous Quality Improvement Projects. I have a deep interest in understanding and improving health systems globally, I have previously interned at the World Health Organisation in Switzerland and more based healthcare course at The Harvard Business School.

My Darzi Project: Primary Care Workforce Transformation.
Wendy Armstrong

I am Wendy Armstrong, a Clinical Scientist in Biochemistry at St George’s Hospital in London. My Darzi Fellowship is in Healthcare Science, and I will be looking at access to cancer diagnostics across London. Using the skills and experience I have acquired during 14 years in Clinical Blood Sciences, my project aims to engage with Healthcare Scientists across a wide range of disciplines to identify areas of opportunity, and barriers to change, within diagnostics for cancer, and use this to help diagnostics deliver for patients in a more effective and timely manner.

**My Darzi Project: Access to appropriate diagnostic testing and results for patients on cancer pathways across London.**

Dr Gurbaksh Badial

I am a newly qualified GP and my Darzi Fellowship is in the development of an online platform for patient interactions in General Practice. There is already evidence that web consultations can reduce the workload of GP practices - both clinical and non-clinical, and the project aims to develop this further. I have an interest in technology and have designed a website for my local GP trainee group. I am a former O&G trainee and attained MRCOG before becoming a GP. I am also the outgoing chair of the NCEL GP Trainees Committee.

**My Darzi Project: Developing a platform to increase the number of online consultations and online patient interactions in General Practice.**

Austin Booth

I am Austin an Occupational Therapist, my Darzi Fellowship is looking at supporting effective admission prevention into acute care settings as well as reducing repeat admissions for those with frailty or comorbidities recently discharged from an acute setting. I bring to this role experience of development and implementation of role emerging therapy services in emergency acute care with a focus at admission avoidance using rapid community MDT services whilst being attached to a consultant led frequent attenders service. I am a member of the college of occupational therapists and fully registered with the health professions council.
Dr Jennifer Brook

I am Jen Brook, an ST6 psychiatry trainee at South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust. My Darzi fellowship is in pathway development, particularly the acute care pathway for mental health patients in crisis. I’ve had a long interest in quality improvement and run several improvement projects over the past few years. I have also been involved in developing and delivering training on improvement techniques and have been a member of a junior doctor led improvement committee at SLaM.

My Darzi Project: Developing a Value Based Mental health model.

Joanna Carr

I am specialist Physiotherapist working within Sutton CCG Vanguard on a project to enhance health and wellbeing in care homes

My Darzi fellowship is in clinical leadership.

I bring many years of experience from working in Intermediate care as team leader for Rehab beds based within care homes & have knowledge of how a care home system operates and the challenges that face the staff.

I have a positive, confident attitude towards change within organisations and experience of coaching and supporting staff.

I am a member of CSP and AGiLE.

My Darzi Project: Enhanced Health And Wellbeing In Care Homes.

Dr David Codling

I am David Codling and my Darzi Fellowship is in developing an integrated model of service transformation for elderly patients with long-term conditions who present acutely. I’m a psychiatrist by background and have worked on projects to improve communication and management of patients out-of-hours, as well as measuring outcomes in mental health. I am passionate about quality improvement and have been involved in teaching quality improvement to trainees on a local and national level. I am a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, and am on the trainees committee. I enjoy team-working and working with other professionals to produce well-rounded solutions.

My Darzi Project: Developing an integrated model of service transformation with the Emergency Care Improvement Programme team for elderly patients with long-term conditions who present acutely.
Louise Costella

I have worked as a palliative care clinical nurse specialist in the acute setting for eleven years and have taken a keen interest in education and teaching to ensure the provision of evidence-based patient-centred care. My Darzi Fellowship is a project in transforming nurse education for the future, I have acquired a great deal of experience in developing the knowledge and skills of staff at all levels and having worked at different grades of nursing while undertaking my own education, I bring an understanding of the different roles and the needs of others in developing the workforce. I am currently a member of the Royal College of Nursing.

My Darzi Project: Transforming nurse education and preparing the system for changes.

Amy Cruickshank

I am Amy Cruickshank, a Pre-school Speech and Language Therapist who enjoys striving for efficient and effective teamwork in the health service to achieve positive change for patients. My Darzi fellowship is with Tower Hamlets Together: a Multi-Speciality Community Provider Vanguard site aimed to deliver integrated care for Children and Young People, working together with partner organisations.

I bring the hands-on experience of developing improved patient pathways, which significantly reduces waiting times and frustrating appointment no-shows.

Meanwhile, working as project manager in an integration and transformation team has given me insight into the mechanics of large hospitals and their cost challenges.

My Darzi Project: Development of the Children and Young Peoples (CYP) new model of integrated care for a multi-specialty community provider Vanguard.

Melanie Dalby

I am Melanie Dalby and as a Darzi Fellow I will be focusing on a project to streamline innovative, effective and efficient pathways or care models for the safe and effective transfer of information about patients on oral anticancer therapy between hospital and local community pharmacy settings. I have a lot of experience working with patients on oral anticancer therapy and I am very passionate about this specialist area. I am dedicated to increasing the quality of life for patients living with cancer. I am a member of the GPhC, RPS and BOPA.

My Darzi Project: Exploring the use of community pharmacy in supporting patients on oral anticancer medicines at the Cancer Centre.
Kate Daley

I am a Clinical Psychologist working in the NHS with patients experiencing depression and anxiety. I have also held the position of Deputy Clinical Service Lead. My Darzi Fellowship lies within the Alcohol Stream of the Health Innovation Network which aims to reduce alcohol-related harm through prevention. My project will involve a process evaluation of the Identification and Brief Advice (IBA) intervention in the workplace. I bring a psychological perspective along with research and clinical skills and I am interested in using leadership and strategy to improve well-being of patients and staff, improving NHS sustainability. I am a member of the British Psychological Society (BPS) and the British Association for Behavioural & Cognitive Psychotherapies (BABCP).

*My Darzi project: Reducing Alcohol Related Harm through Prevention - process evaluation of the implementation and embedding of the train-the-trainer IBA (Identification and Brief Advice) intervention in the workplace.*

Dr Martina Dalton

Having completed Core Medical Training, I am at a transition point in my career and looking for a new challenge that will allow me to develop skills and experience relevant to my interest in public health. It is estimated that 30-35,000 patients with a learning disability are inappropriately prescribed psychotropic drugs daily, primarily for behaviour management. I am excited to be working on this project to improve the quality of life of patients with learning disabilities by ensuring that these drugs are used only when appropriate.

*My Darzi Project: Improving quality of life (QoL) and delivering Transforming Care in people with learning disabilities (LD) by ensuring the appropriate use of psychotropic medicines.*

Dr Konstantinos Dimitriades

I am Kon Dimitriades and my Darzi Fellowship is in Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital where I will be taking on the trust’s Paired Learning Project; a project that brings clinicians and management together to provide meaningful changes within the trust. To this project I bring a strong clinical background as well as some leadership experience gained during my South African career. My philosophy is that of inclusivity which will be particularly useful in this project. I enjoy learning new skills and applying them quickly, as such I am sure that the Darzi fellowship will be a wonderful experience.

*My Darzi Project: Organisational development through paired learning mentoring programme.*
Dr Noam Dover

I am Noam Dover. My role is to help foster relationships and drive initiatives across Primary care, Secondary care and Social care. Additionally I have a role in staff engagement – from hospital doctors and nurses, to community GPs, social workers, allied health professionals, third sector parties and patient advocates. My aim is to drive novel systems that will ultimately improve holistic care for patients, providing them with personalised care, in the setting of their choice and in a timely fashion.

My clinical experience gives me insight into the day-to-day logistics of acute care. I appreciate the frustrations and barriers felt by many clinicians in providing care to patients and I hope to initiate and measure projects that lead to increased staff morale, efficiency and improved patient care.

My Darzi Project: Innovation and Improvement Clinical Fellow for Community and Acute Care Integration.

Dr Gemma Eyres

My name is Gemma Eyres and this year I have been given the privilege of working as a Darzi Fellow with Barts Health and the London Air Ambulance Service. I will be looking at bridging the gaps between emergency care and primary care within North East London and in particular the development and improvement of the Physician’s Response Unit based within the London’s Air Ambulance Service.

I have a background in both Emergency Medicine and Primary Care and have previously worked for the Great Britain Cycling team. I’m really excited about meeting and learning from other Darzi Fellows this year.

My Darzi Project: Designing and delivering a standardized directory of services to enable access to the best available care in the most appropriate setting for patients that access emergency services.
Patrick Farrell

I am Patrick Farrell, a Scottish advanced paramedic practitioner and my Darzi fellowship is in Pre hospital clinical decision making with a focus on three factors.

Firstly to identify decision points between the emergency call the dispatch of the response team.

Secondly to investigate how advanced decision making by pre hospital clinicians can be supported by real timesharing of data with primary and secondary care.

The final objective is the streamlining of patient handover between paramedics and emergency department staff.

I have a keen interest in pre hospital clinical decision making and in particular the safe and appropriate development of alternative, targeting appropriate patients to pathways deflecting them away from the traditional ED admission. I completed a dissertation on clinical decision making as part of a master’s thesis, this coupled with my experience within the pre hospital environment both UK based and internationally, I feel I bring a strong experience and research based skill set to the team.

My Darzi Project: Redesigning the urgent and emergency (vanguard) response to frail patients who attend frequently.

Dr Lauren Fraser

I am an Emergency Medicine registrar who has now completed higher specialist training. My Darzi fellowship is with the Patient Safety team at the Health Innovation Network, the Academic Health Science Network for South London. I bring clinical experience of working in acute care settings in a variety of hospitals in London, as well as involvement in audit and quality improvement projects. I am keen to promote greater clinician engagement and involvement in leadership and management projects to drive change within the NHS.

My Darzi Project: Communities of Practice - Improving Patient Safety through Collaboration.
Dr Francisco Frasquilho

I am a Chartered Clinical Psychologist working within the East London NHS Foundation Trust (ELFT). My Darzi Fellowship is with the ELFT Quality Improvement Team. I bring a range of experience in the use of psychological therapies, in community and in-patient settings, especially with people who experience severe and enduring mental health difficulties. I have supported staff through management, teaching and training. More recently I have taken a lead role in managing the referral pathways into a secondary care psychotherapy service. I am a registered Practitioner Psychologist with the HCPC, an Associate Fellow of the BPS, a member of the BABCP, and a member of the Association of Contextual Behavioural Science.

My Darzi Project: Improving the physical health care of people with severe mental illness.

Harinder Grewal

I am Harinder Grewal and I will be undertaking my Darzi fellowship at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London. I am a qualified Optometrist working for the NHS and have specialist roles in Macular, Glaucoma, Low vision and research clinics. After graduating from City University in 2012, I spent some time working in the retail sectors for Specsavers Opticians before joining Frimley Park Hospital in January 2015. I am also a member of the College of Optometrists’ ‘Hospital Optometrists’ reference group and possess a PRINCE2 Practitioner qualification in project management.

My Darzi Project: Person centred care coordination.

Jenni Guest

I am Jenni Guest, my Darzi Fellowship is in Allied Health Professions (AHPs) education. Based at Health Education North Central and East London I will be working to support and enable AHPs to lead and shape new models of care. Focusing on supporting AHPs to be better equipped to deliver care within the changing health care economy, combines my interests and passion for AHP development, education and clinical quality. As a proactive Occupational Therapist and Chair of the South East Regional Group, I seek out and embrace any opportunity to learn and develop to ultimately provide increased quality patient care. This fellowship offers the opportunity to step back from my own organisation and discuss what is happening in a wider health delivery context.

My Darzi Project: Enabling allied health professionals to lead and shape new models of care.
Fozia Hamid
I am an academic GP with research interest in public health, chronic diseases and health inequalities. I am particularly interested in the health of vulnerable groups and access to healthcare. My Darzi fellowship is in improving long term conditions management in North West London and I am looking forward to developing skills in health service design and strategy and working on reducing health inequalities in this area.

My Darzi Project: Developing whole systems integrated care.

Simran Janjua
I am a specialist mental health pharmacist from East London NHS Foundation Trust joining the Health Innovation Network as a Darzi Fellow. During my fellowship I will be undertaking a project, which aims to improve the diagnosis of dementia to improve patient outcomes. My interest in dementia stems from my previous voluntary role as an advocate for elderly people and more recently as a pharmacist. I bring a range of skills based on my experiences in a variety of settings including working within a number of hospitals, within academia as well within the pharmaceutical industry. Having recently qualified as a yoga teacher I am passionate about sharing the benefits yoga, particularly to support people with their mental wellbeing.

My Darzi Project: Detecting cases of undiagnosed dementia in South London.

Gareth Kitson
My name is Gareth and my Darzi Fellowship will be looking at the education, training and workforce development agenda for the pharmacy profession, with particular focus on our readiness for the provision of a 7 day service.

Having been qualified as a pharmacist for 4 years, I have worked in various hospitals across London and have developed a real passion for the development and training of the pharmacy workforce. I feel I can bring enthusiasm, passion and ambition to this role and my experience as both a trainee pharmacist and a senior specialist pharmacist already responsible for the development of others will place me in an excellent position to help shape the future of my profession.

My Darzi Project: The education, training and workforce development agenda for the pharmacy profession, with particular focus on our readiness for the provision of a 7 day service.
Dr Freddie Lewis

I am a doctor training in Psychiatry in West London. My Darzi fellowship is based in the Home ward (an integrated physical health service) in Ealing, West London. I am helping to build a portfolio of improvement projects and a leadership development programme, while also developing collaboration with key partners and commissioners.

I have a particular interest in integrated models of care and quality improvement. I have an MSc in Healthcare Management from Imperial Business School and have worked for a Big-5 consultancy firm in their UK healthcare advisory practice.

My Darzi Project: Home ward and the Future Hospital - collaborating to deliver integrated intermediate care.

Dr Michael Magro

I am currently an ST5 Registrar specialising in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and my Darzi Fellowship is with the NHS Litigation Authority. I will be investigating the underlying issues that lead to compensation claims within maternity and develop a quality improvement project for NHS trusts. I am passionate about service improvement and hope to use this year to help make childbirth safer. I bring 7 years of clinical experience and knowledge which I will use to implement the changes required but more importantly I want to engage with staff on the frontline to encourage them to help make changes in the future.

My Darzi Project: Investigating the underlying issues in Maternity Services of severe harm, which lead to claims for compensation and developing a programme for quality improvement within NHS Trusts.

Jamie McCanny

I am currently ST6 in anaesthetics & intensive care medicine dual training. During my Darzi Fellowship at The Royal Marsden, I will lead the creation and implementation of a perioperative transformation pathway. The main aim is to coordinate improvement in the quality of care for frail patients presenting for complex cancer surgery. I hold a strong interest in healthcare improvement, particularly in perioperative and critical care medicine, and look forward to leading our highly skilled and motivated multidisciplinary team in the successful delivery of this targeted programme.

My Darzi Project: The Marsden Surgical Frailty Transformation Programme - Reducing length of hospital stay and improving outcomes for frail patients undergoing major cancer surgery through a targeted multidisciplinary programme.
**Dr Emma McGibbon**

I am Emma McGibbon, Clinical Psychologist, and my Darzi Fellowship is in designing, developing and implementing a novel integrated and stepped care model of psychological care for highly at risk complex paediatric population; from treatment at Great Ormond Street Hospital to managed care in the community. This is with particular focus on children with congenital visual disorders and severe behaviour difficulties.

I bring enthusiasm about getting the best support for children who have complex needs, and a desire to ensure that children do not fall between the gaps in service provision. I have a longstanding interest in working with children who have a range of Neurodisabilities and I bring a broad perspective from by Clinical Psychology background, training and experience. I thrive on taking on new projects and seeing them through.

**My Darzi Project:** To design, develop and implement a novel integrated and stepped care model of psychological care for highly at risk complex paediatric population, from treatment at Great Ormond Street Hospital to managed care in the community. This is with particular focus on children with congenital visual disorders and severe behaviour difficulties.

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**Dr Charlene McInnes**

I am a GPST3 at Kings College VTS. My Darzi Fellowship is in Medical Education, specifically developing the roles of Physician’s Assistants and Clinical Pharmacists. I have a keen interest in quality improvement and bring enthusiasm and team working skills to this post. I am currently a member of the South London RCGP Faculty Board and the First5/AIT Committee.

**My Darzi project:** Enabling medical clinicians to lead and develop integrated models of care across multiple agencies.
Michelle McIntosh

I am a Senior Nurse working with vulnerable adults in the Medicine’s Board Division of University College London Hospital (UCLH). I did my nurse training in Scotland and qualified in 1999. My clinical background is mainly in the specialist field of neuroscience and neurology nursing.

As a Darzi Fellow, I will be working on the Exemplar Ward Quality Improvement (Special Project). The aim of the project is to implement a standard process for the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of care for those patients that require Enhanced Therapeutic Observations, commonly known as ‘specialising’.

A core interest of mine has always been Safety and Quality and I am passionate about the quality of care received by vulnerable adults.

I feel inspired for the developmental opportunity which the Darzi fellowship presents to me. I believe the Fellowship role would enable me to understand quality initiatives in detail and also strengthen my clinical leadership style. In turn I would be able to contribute to the development of essential efficiency initiatives at UCLH to ensure sustainability at completion of the project. I look forward to engaging and networking with other Darzi fellows.

*My Darzi Project: Exemplar ward quality improvement project.*

Dr Anas Nader

I am a doctor interested in acute & emergency medicine. My Darzi Fellowship is in Clinical Innovation within the fields of Technology, Corporate Services and EPR Transformation. My main project is supporting the design and implementation of the Trust’s new Electronic Patient Record (EPR). This includes leading in generating end-to-end clinical pathways within the electronic system, as well as participating in technical & design authorities regarding EPR.

My role also includes supporting other transformation projects across the trust, such as work force planning and staff engagement.

Prior to studying medicine at Imperial College, I earned an MSc in Biomedical Communications, where I specialized in developing innovative new media solutions for healthcare applications. My other passions include global health & humanitarian medicine, with field experiences working with refugee populations.

*My Darzi Project: Clinical innovation and improvement in the acute medicine setting.*
Dorothy Newton

I am Dorothy Newton and my Darzi Fellowship involves taking a lead role in a Healthy London Partnership mental health project to strengthen mental health care in primary care across London. I am a highly motivated individual who enjoys project design and development. I have previously worked in scientific research and project management, in academic, industry and Government sectors. I greatly enjoy working within teams and working with people from a range of backgrounds and roles. I am a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and am a higher trainee in child and adolescent psychiatry in South West London.

My Darzi Project: Strengthening mental health in primary care

Jessica Ng

I am Jessica Ng, my Darzi Fellowship is in Paediatric Trauma at the Royal London Hospital which has developed a world leading trauma service for adults. During this fellowship we will assess the gap between the trauma service delivered to children compared to adults. Our aim is to improve the care delivered to paediatric trauma patients, from prevention to rehabilitation.

I am a Paediatric Surgical Trainee in London with interests in trauma and Global Surgery. I am proud to have been part of a team that set up a charity and institutional link between a UK medical school and Nepalese healthcare organisation. Since 2009 I have led annual outreach surgical projects in rural Nepal. My experience to date along with my enthusiasm and motivation are qualities welcomed by the team at the Royal London. I look forward to being part of this Darzi project that will open up many opportunities to improve the care of children affected by trauma.

My Darzi Project: A Trauma Service for Children: from Prevention to Rehabilitation.

Lisa Nolan

I am Lisa Nolan. My Darzi fellowship is in Integrated care. I bring experience of some of the challenges facing hospital teams and patients related to medicine in elderly populations. I have recently been working as an Elderly Medicine Registrar in NW London and am keen to improve the care and service we provide to elderly patients in both primary and secondary care. I am a member of the BMA and BGS.

Priya Patel

I am Priya, a clinical pharmacist, and my Darzi Fellowship is in Multiprofessional Foundation Training. I bring a myriad of experiences to the programme including my participation in various clinical rotations and a keen foundation in research developed whilst undertaking a Masters in Clinical Research. This has allowed me to cultivate a good attitude towards multitasking, communicating effectively and being organised in a range of settings. I am keen to combine my interest in clinical pharmacy and research with a solid understanding of service improvement and leadership in order to make me a well-rounded and competent practitioner in my future career.

My Darzi project: Multiprofessional Foundation Training.

Lesley Perkins

I am Lesley Perkins. My Darzi Fellowship will involve joining a diagnostics team in the Transforming Services Together Programme for 3 East London CCGs. The aim is to bring commissioners and providers together to design diagnostic guidelines that are based on evidence and best practice. This would help to standardise care across the CCGs where patient experience differs markedly, thus helping to deliver equity of care and greater efficiency. I bring a passion for enhancing quality of care and communication skills that will help to facilitate conversations between different stakeholders. I am a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners and feel strongly that frontline clinicians should play a role in service design.

My Darzi Project: Transforming Services Together Programme Diagnostics Workstream.

Jodie Powell

I am Jodie Powell and my Darzi Fellowship is in Nutrition, which is part of the Exemplar Ward quality improvement project. I come from a Cardio-thoracic background in Advanced Practice. I have a real enthusiasm and passion for quality improvement, constantly seeking new ways to improve pathways and processes for patients and staff. I enjoy developing innovative ways of learning and utilising technology resources. I am looking forward to commencing the Darzi fellowship, one of the most exciting aspects of it is becoming part of a network of like-minded healthcare professionals supporting each other through this journey.

My Darzi Project: Quality Improvement in frontline nutrition and hydration; making nutrition and hydration everyone’s responsibility.
Dr Anish Raithatha

I am an ST4 radiology registrar based in London and will be undertaking a fellowship with the Whittington hospital. The project I will undertake aims to develop a transformation plan to improve delivery of imaging services to meet the increasing demand upon the radiology department, in order to improve waiting times for both study and report turnaround times.

I am keen to maximise my own leadership potential and in particular focus on developing a basis for creating sustainable quality and service improvements within my work environment.

My Darzi Project: Development of transformation plan to implement new ways to deliver Imaging Services at Whittington Heath.

Dr Adnan Raja

I am a Darzi fellow in Quality Improvement with an aim to reduce variation in patient care at our trust. I have a strong interest in Medical Education and am planning a career in Acute Medicine. I am always on the lookout for novel techniques in improving patient care through use of innovation, technology or patient-centred initiatives. I am certain quality improvement can provide a solution to our current healthcare climate.

My Darzi Project: Appropriately Standardising Care for Patient Benefit.

Gemma Robinson

I am a Senior Specialist Cardiac Pharmacist within Barts Heart Centre, and my Darzi Fellowship will be working as part of a Pan London team, to optimise Stroke prevention for patients with Atrial fibrillation. I bring to the fellowship a wealth of clinical experience working with cardiac patients in a secondary care environment. My interest in stroke prevention has developed from my practice within anticoagulation clinics and as a national priority, I look forward to utilising the skills and knowledge developed in my career thus far, alongside those developed through the Darzi programme to contribute to the improved care of this patient group.

My Darzi Project: Stroke Prevention in people with Atrial Fibrillation (AF).
Dr Rebecca Samuels

I am a doctor currently between my core trainee and specialist registrar years in anaesthetics and ITU. I have had an interest in leadership and management for many years having previously been student president in my medical school and elected Trustee of my student union.

I have a keen interest in quality and patient safety improvement and have had my work presented internationally this year. I also have a passion for teaching and so my Darzi project in Improving Sepsis Recognition and Management perfectly marries my professional specialism in ITU with my interests in patient safety and education.

My Darzi Project: Improving Sepsis Recognition and Management.

Camilla Sen

I am a General Paediatrics trainee with a strong interest in Medical Education. My Darzi Fellowship is based at the Royal Society of Medicine developing a virtual learning hub and improving educational programmes for consultants and trainees. The post will involve supporting clinical leadership and change-management training.

I have developed many training courses through my role in the London School of Paediatrics Trainee Committee including the Transition to Consultant Course and the Learning Together Adolescent Sexual Health Training Day.

My Darzi Project: Development of Educational Programmes and an RSM Learning Hub.

Jenny Skinner

I am an ST4 Palliative Medicine Registrar working on the South West London rotation. My Darzi Fellowship is in ‘Improving End of Life Care’ in Kingston Hospital.

My main interests are in improving access to Palliative Care and End of Life care in people with non-malignant disease and, in particular, in Advanced Care Planning in those with Dementia.

I am an enthusiastic and hard working junior doctor with a keen interest in developing my leadership and management skills. As I have become more senior clinically, I have come to appreciate the value of personalised medical care for individual patients but I have realised this can only truly be achieved through good overall leadership and direction in larger systems. I am keen to learn more and develop my skills in this area to help my future career in healthcare.

My Darzi Project: Improving End of Life Care.
Dr Daniel Sommer

I am a doctor pursuing a career in geriatrics and general internal medicine. The aim of my Darzi Fellowship is to improve emergency access to diagnostic and therapeutic services 7 days a week across North West London. I bring passion, and a determination to improve patient care. I want every healthcare organisation to equip their staff with the skills and resources to deliver safe and excellent care at all times. I have led sustainable change in many of the departments I've worked in, I've represented junior doctors at a national and a local level through the British Medical Association and have organised and delivered a regional medical leadership training programme.

My Darzi Project: Improving seven day services and patient care

Dr Peter Sommerville

I am Peter Sommerville and my Darzi Fellowship is on the transformation of safety culture at Guy's and St. Thomas’s through innovation, patient stories and digital technology. I am an enthusiastic advocate for change and development and have led a successful quality improvement project in the same trust that has improved the care of patients with an unsafe swallow feeding at risk. I have brought an analytic approach and strong interpersonal working to my projects to date. As a geriatrician I am also interested in ways of making care for the frail elderly streamlined, holistic and patient centred.

My Darzi Project: Transforming our Safety Culture through Innovation, Patient Stories and Digital Technology.

Penka Stratieva

I am a Ward Sister at Great Ormond Street Hospital NHS. My passion is to deliver outstanding patient care and I believe in an individual's potential and positive qualities therefore investing in staff’s professional/educational development and empowering them to perform to desired high standards. I bring my broad experience working within social and hospital healthcare environments; abilities to recognise initiate and sustain change in the workplace and my aspirations for continuous care quality improvement. My Darzi Fellowship post is based at University of Hertfordshire and the project I would be working on is on 'Educating the future Children's nursing and nursing support workforce'.

My Darzi project: Delivering care to children and young people - educating the future Children's Nurses and nursing support workforce.
Marcia Tharp

I am Marcia Tharp. My Darzi Fellowship is in quality assessment and accreditation of nursing care at West London Mental Health Trust. I have been a registered nurse for 14 years, specialising in Mental Health. During this time I have been involved in a number of projects which have led to positive changes within the services I have been working in. I have worked closely with the pharmacy department to develop a system focusing on the safe storage and administration of medication. Following this work and continuing on a theme of improving practice standards I developed and delivered training in relation to Medication, Management and Optimisation. During the last year I have worked as part of the practice nurse development team and as a lecturer practitioner delivering modules on a pre registration course at the University of West London. I feel my strengths lie in improving practice standards, working with teams and promoting a collaborative working alliance with service users.

My Darzi Project: Quality Assessment and Accreditation of Nursing Care at West London Mental Health Trust.

Deborah Travers

I am an Occupational Therapist with 18-year clinical experience across social services and community health in which I have specialised in Neurology. I am passionate about empowering people and strive to facilitate this through both my clinical and managerial roles. I love to work with service users and the general public to support them to shape services around needs of local communities. My Darzi Fellowship is in a community outcome measures project for Bromley Healthcare. I aim to support the organisation to ensure they are providing the best quality care to meet the health and wellbeing needs of the community they serve efficiently and effectively.

My Darzi Project: Supporting the implementation of community outcome measures.

Dr Phil Ward

I am a dual anaesthesia and intensive care medicine registrar with a background in IT. Alongside my clinical work, I am keen to drive improvement in healthcare IT and see the NHS utilise the latest technologies to enhance patient care and service efficiency. My Darzi project at the Royal Marsden Hospital will involve implementing a vendor neutral archive and document management solution. This will improve access to clinical information both at the point of care and for research/audit, whilst providing a foundation for the trust’s new electronic patient record.

Emily Wighton

My Darzi Fellowship is to develop an educational model for healthcare professionals that delivers effective long term diabetes care in Lewisham. Healthcare education is a key area for development given the increasing complexity and numbers of patients with long term conditions that primary care practitioners have to manage in the community.

I qualified as a Pharmacist in 2005 and then as an Independent Pharmacist Prescriber in 2009. My key therapeutic interests are Palliative Medicine and medicines optimisation in long term conditions. I have an enthusiastic personality with a broad range of clinical experience in acute and community care and hope to offer a fresh perspective on community healthcare education.

My Darzi Project: Building a sustainable education model to support primary care healthcare professionals to deliver effective long term conditions care.