

Newcastle University Academics Visit Indian Centres of Excellence to establish research collaborations

Prof McAllister-Williams, Dr Stuart Watson and Dr Adi Sharma from the Institute of Neuroscience visited India in July 2017 to identify areas of collaborative research between centres in India and Newcastle University. Team travelled to Bengaluru to meet colleagues at the National Institute for Mental Health and Allied Neurosciences (NIMHANS). After 2 days of back-to-back meetings at NIMHANS (including a lecture delivered by Prof McAllister-Williams on BAP Perinatal Guidelines development using videoconferencing) the team travelled to New Delhi. Despite the sweltering humidity (35 degrees Celsius and 95% humidity) the Newcastle University team met with colleagues at the All India Institute for Medical Sciences, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Children First (private child and adolescent mental health provider providing 'pro-bono' expertise for 'street children'.



The team managed some time off to squeeze in cultural sights in New Delhi.



At Red Fort New Delhi





At Humayun's Tomb, New Delhi

Overall the trip was a big success as mutual areas of research interest were identified including but not limited to perinatal psychiatry, mood disorders, psychopharmacology, neuroimaging, neurodevelopmental disorders and assessment of the impact of early life adversity which will inform many joint applications for funding for research.