

## KEY CONCEPTS BEHIND PONT/CAP.

I believe the key concepts we have developed are:-

- 1) partnerships should be based on personal contact between corresponding professionals so that trust and capacity can develop before funding is introduced.
- 2) Keen individuals who start up PONT type organisations as volunteers should be encouraged to involve official institutions (such as the LHB, university, hospital and district council) so that funding can be channeled through these bodies (and be subject to their standards of scrutiny and spending review).
- 3) all twinning groups should be encouraged to involve the whole community to increase awareness and public support.(this means that if a twinning is started from official institutions first, they should seek to set up a PONT type group as well).
- 4) Health care should not be seen as a single isolated issue, but should be put into the context of all 8 Millennium development goals by inviting teachers(to improve education), engineers (to provide clean water), churches (to help support orphans and alleviate poverty) and councils (to look at roads, drainage, infrastructure etc. I feel this is best achieved by holistic community twinning of the sort we are aspiring to with the Gold Star initiatives.
- 5) In choosing who to work with overseas, I feel it essential to involve the indigenous NGO's. This is especially the case in primary care links and orphan support, but obviously less so with hospital and schools links. Therefore a network of NGO's and local government in the overseas partners seems the obvious way to increase capacity and minimise opportunities for corruption.