Title: ‘A relatively short history of Filipino nurse migration to the UK – enduring and more contemporary challenges’

Abstract: The migration of Filipino nurses to the UK is a relatively modern phenomenon, deriving from health care labour shortages in the NHS and the private care sector in the 1990s. Here we present the history of Filipino nurse migration – primarily to the US but also worldwide – and how this transnational movement of highly skilled workers impacts on the health care sector in the UK, while also acknowledging costs for the health care sector and families left behind in the Philippines. In this paper we examine the Filipino migrant nurses’ agency and positioning within the context of: deskilling and exploitation from private care sector employers and discrimination from the NHS; the more recent rise of xenophobic attitudes and financial implications for health care provision in the UK.