



Volunteer Opportunity – Scientific Advisory Group member Falls and Fragility Fracture Audit Programme (FFFAP)

Do you want to help improve quality of care and patient outcomes?

The Falls and Fragility Fracture Audit Programme (FFFAP) are establishing a new advisory group to:

- > Promote the use of FFFAP audit data for new research to support service improvement activity
- > Champion the use of existing research and explore different ways this can be used
- > Explore opportunities for local quality improvement activity to be used as proof of concept and become the basis of national research
- > Contribute towards wider FFFAP activity where it is relevant to research, such as identifying where research gaps can be highlighted in national reports
- > Facilitate new areas of research using FFFAP data and promote research opportunities through collaboration with external stakeholders.

As a FFFAP Scientific Advisory Group member you will contribute your skills and expertise to promoting the use of audit data. In return, you will be given an opportunity to network with expert peers across the world of falls and fragility fractures, gain an understanding of the data collected through clinical audits and contribute towards improvements in patient care.

We will support you throughout with a full induction into the programme, what we do and the information governance we adhere to.

What does FFFAP do?

The [Falls and Fragility Fracture Audit Programme \(FFFAP\)](#) is a national clinical audit run by the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) and commissioned by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership on behalf of NHS England and the Welsh Government comprising three workstreams: National Hip Fracture Database (NHFD), the Fracture Liaison Service Database (FLS-DB) and the National Audit of Inpatient Falls (NAIF). Our work aims to improve the care that patients with fragility fractures receive in hospital and after discharge and to reduce inpatient falls. At present, 300,000 fragility fractures occur each year in the UK including 70,000 hip fractures and over 2,000 of these are experienced by hospital inpatients.

You can find out more about our work on the [FFFAP website](#).

What experience and skills we are looking for?

- Research experience in falls and fragility fracture data or population level data
- An appreciation for information governance and its legislation within healthcare, clinical audit and research
- An interest and experience in healthcare improvement and clinical audit
- Clinicians and allied health professionals with experience of falls and fragility fractures, currently practising clinically or in medical management or academia
- All our members share an interest in improving health and healthcare, and an awareness of current health and social care issues.

Group structure

- Chair (1 year interim Chair for the inaugural year, subsequent chairs will have a 2 year term)
- Deputy Chair – an early career researcher
- Up to 8 Members – of clinical and research backgrounds
- Additional members – to include members of the FFFAP team and key stakeholders.

Time commitments

We would expect a group member to volunteer approximately 6 hours per year for meetings and preparation. However, this will be slightly more commitment from the Chair and deputy Chair position in agenda building and actions between meetings, supported by the FFFAP team. FFFAP values the time of our members and strives to be flexible with time commitments and expectations. With this in mind, we would like members:

- > To be available via MS Teams to attend two scientific advisory group meetings per year
- > To have time to read documents and prepare for the meetings.

Applying for the role

To apply, please submit a short cover letter (maximum one side of A4) outlining why you are interested in joining the falls and fragility fracture audit programme's scientific advisory group and how your skills and experience meet one or more of the criteria being sought for this group.

If you have any queries about the application process or the role, please email fffap@rcp.ac.uk

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RCP values

We are committed to **taking care**, **learning**, and **being collaborative**. These values drive the way we behave, how we interact with each other, and how we work together to achieve our vision and improve patient care.

We value taking care

This means we behave respectfully towards people, whatever their role, position, gender or background. It means we act as representatives of the RCP and take decisions in the interests of the organisation as a whole.

We value learning

This means we continuously improve through active learning and honest reflection, so that we grow personally and as an organisation, while striving for excellence. We support learning and development opportunities.

We value being collaborative

This means we work together towards the RCP's vision in a collaborative and professional way, understanding that individuals bring different strengths and approaches to our work. We value diversity and each other's contributions.

The RCP believes that equality of opportunity is fundamental in whatever way individuals become involved with the RCP, whether as physicians, physicians-in-training, staff or volunteers. It welcomes and actively seeks to recruit people to its activities regardless of race, religion, ethnic origin, disability, age, gender and sexual orientation. The RCP aims to reflect the diversity of its members in all its committee, senior roles, volunteer posts and staff.

We particularly encourage applications from men, disabled and Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic candidates, with experience of living in rural or coastal regions, particularly in the North of England and Wales, as we seek to increase representation of these groups in our panel.

As an employee/volunteer/temporary contractor you are expected to comply with all RCP data protection and security policies and procedures.

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