Role

description

RCP nominated urology expert on the GIRFT net zero research hub

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| **Location** | Remote |
| **Department** | Communications, Policy and Research |
| **Reports to** | Academic vice president |
| **Tenure** | 2–3 months |
| **Hours** | 4 hours per month |

# About the RCP

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) is a professional membership body with 40,000 members in the UK and around the world working to improve patient care and reduce illness. Our activities focus on educating, improving and influencing for better health and care.

We champion an inclusive culture and welcome applications from all sections of society. We value taking care, learning and being collaborative. These values underpin everything we do.

Join us to help achieve our vision of a world in which everyone has the best possible health and healthcare.

# Role context

This is a short-term role to represent the RCP in the new Getting it Right First Time (GIRFT) and University of Exeter national [net zero research hub](https://gettingitrightfirsttime.co.uk/girft-supports-major-research-hub-to-deliver-a-greener-nhs/). The RCP’s nominated urology expert will represent the RCP on a clinical reference group developing a guide to decarbonising the urinary tract stones pathway.

The Royal College of Physicians is a supporting partner of the hub led by GIRFT and the University of Exeter. The hub is funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR).

The role holder must be:

* A practising medical doctor who is actively connected with, and credible to, the clinical community. They should hold a licence to practise.
* A physician with an interest in and expert knowledge of the prevention and medical management of urolithiasis.
* A member or fellow of the RCP in good standing with the RCP, their employer, and the GMC.
* Committed to the vision, mission and values of the RCP, and its Code of Conduct.

# Role purpose

The purpose of this role is to:

1. represent the RCP in a short-life clinical reference group led by GIRFT of 10-12 professionals (including urologists, nurses, resident doctors and other multidisciplinary professionals)
2. participate in and contribute to fortnightly online meetings, spanning approximately 2 months, starting in early August 2025
3. review draft guidance between meetings on behalf of the RCP
4. support GIRFT in the development of key clinical recommendations for decarbonising urinary tract stone management
5. act as the RCP’s representative on the clinical reference group, reporting back to the Academic vice president (or nominated deputy) at regular intervals, and acting as a link between the reference group and RCP Council in discussions about co-badging the final guidance document.
6. The role holder will be expected to report regularly on the progress of the clinical reference group to the academic vice president, special adviser on sustainability, and the policy and campaigns team.

**Closest managerial relationships**

* (Senior RCP Officer) Academic vice president
* (Special adviser) Special adviser on healthcare sustainability and climate change
* (Staff) Policy and campaigns team

**Term of office**

The term of office for this role is 2-3 months, and this may be subject to a short extension or early end depending the duration of the clinical reference group.

**Financial aspects**

The role holder is not remunerated, but RCP will reimburse reasonable expenses in accordance with RCP policy, such as for meetings if required.

**Points of contact**

* Louise Forsyth – head of policy and campaigns: Louise.Forsyth@rcp.ac.uk or nominated deputy
* For media queries please contact: media@rcp.ac.uk
* Out of hours press office: 07896 416409

**Conflicts of interest**

When representing the RCP in this work,the role holdermust ensure they do not place themselves in a position where their personal interests or views may conflict with the interests or views of the RCP. Should such a situation arise, the role holder should seek the advice of the RCP’s policy and campaigns team before proceeding.

The role holder should make declaration of any interests that might conflict with their RCP work, in line with [the RCP declaration of interests policy](https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/declaration-personal-interests-and-good-standing). The role holder must also at all times conduct themselves in accordance with the [RCP Code of conduct](https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/code-conduct).

The role holder should inform any relevant employing authority about their commitment to the role.

**Use of title**

The role holder may use the title *RCP expert representative* solelywhen representing the RCP in the GIRFT clinical reference group and in line with the agreed RCP position. The role holder should seek the advice of the RCP Registrar and the RCP’s policy and campaigns team should any confusion arise.

The role holder may not make any public statement or approve any published materials in their own name or that of the RCP without approval and agreement from the RCP. The role holder should seek the advice of the RCP Registrar and the RCP’s policy and campaigns team should any confusion arise.

**Termination of role**

As the role will be undertaken in a voluntary capacity, the role holder is free to step down at any point following discussion with the academic vice president. The academic vice president, following a discussion with the president, registrar, and executive director of communications, policy and research (or their nominated representative), is free to request the role holder to step down at any time.

The role holder is asked to give 2 weeks’ notice if they intend to step down from the role.

# Our 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 positively encourages applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, transgender status, religion or belief, marital status or pregnancy and maternity.*

*The RCP is all about our people – our members, staff, volunteers and leaders. We educate, influence and collaborate to improve health and healthcare for everyone and know we can only do this by being inclusive, encouraging and celebrating diverse perspectives. Welcoming into our community people who represent the 21st-century medical workforce and the diverse population of patients we serve is a priority for us.*

As a volunteer you are expected to comply with all RCP data protection and security policies and procedures.