



**Job Description for NIHR Central London Patient Safety Research Collaboration (CL-PSRC) –  
RCoA Centre for Research and Improvement (CR&I) joint academic lead**

**Closing date: 9 am Monday 8 January 2024**

**Interview Date: Friday 9 February 2024 (PM)**

- Job Title:** NIHR Central London PSRC – RCoA CR&I joint academic lead
- Responsible to:** Managerially responsible to RCoA Director of Clinical Quality & Research (for the RCoA) and the Director of the NIHR Central London Patient Safety Research Collaboration (for the CL-PSRC)
- Professionally responsible to the Director, NIHR CL-PSRC (for the PSRC) and the Director, Centre for Research and Improvement (for the RCoA)
- Key relationships:** Director and theme leads, NIHR Central London PSRC  
Executive Management Board, NIHR Central London PSRC  
Director and deputy directors, RCoA-CR&I  
RCoA CR&I Executive Management Board  
RCoA Clinical Quality & Research Board (and Chair)  
RCoA Director of Clinical Quality & Research,  
RCoA Head of Research and RCoA Research Team

**Main function**

To facilitate the academic relationship between the RCoA Centre for Research and Improvement (hereafter known as the CR&I) and the Central London NIHR Patient Safety Research Collaboration (hereafter known as the PSRC)

**Background**

This is a new and exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and creative individual to be at the cutting edge of an exciting new research endeavour. UCLH and UCL have been awarded a new NIHR Patient Safety Research Collaboration

(<https://www.uclh.nhs.uk/news/new-research-collaboration-improve-patient-safety>) which opened on 1 April 2023 and is funded for 5 years in the first instance. We anticipate applying for further funding to continue the Centre beyond 2028 and to substantially broaden our scope of activities during this initial 5-year funding period.

The NIHR Central London PSRC (CL-PSRC) will focus on patient safety challenges in surgical, perioperative, acute and critical care, taking a pathway-based approach which will also therefore encompass primary and community care. Patient and public involvement will be at the

heart of our research activities, and we have a strong commitment both to the 'levelling up' agenda in terms of research outputs, and also ensuring that our staff and our research reflect the diversity of our population, and the patients that the NHS serves. The PSRC is organized into four themes of activity, each with its own leads and research projects. It will also be home to a career development academy, supporting PhD students, postdoctoral and mid-career researchers, from both clinical and non-clinical backgrounds.

## **The Post**

The CL-PSRC is committed to strengthening its relationship with the RCoA, wider professional stakeholders, and the CR&I. We therefore seek to appoint a talented researcher, with a demonstrable interest in research, to support joint working.

The individual will be research active, with a track record of delivering research and innovation. They will be collaborative and able to foster excellent team-working. They will be committed to achieving clinical and/or policy impact and have a good understanding of the steps required to achieve this, beyond the conclusion of a research project.

**Applications are encouraged from candidates across the UK.** While the post will be based within the CL-PSRC based in the [Centre for Perioperative Medicine at UCL](#) and there will be occasional face-to-face meetings in London, there is no requirement nor expectation that the postholder will be based in, or need to move their work base to RCoA or UCL. The successful candidate will be offered a UCL honorary contract at an appropriate seniority for their experience and access to UCL and RCoA's physical (e.g. office space) and online resources.

We are particularly interested in hearing from candidates who are early or mid-career researchers, who are looking for opportunities to continue academic activity and build their own research portfolio through leveraged grant funding. Were such an individual appointed, they would benefit from joining the CL-PSRC's leadership academy, which is committed to developing its doctoral, post-doctoral and mid-career researchers, through collaborative working, mentoring, action learning and peer support.

## SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Work closely with CRI and PSRC directors to

- Provide two-way communication between the CR&I and the PSRC
- Develop the CL-PSRC strategy in such a way that the CR&I is a full partner, working with the Director, NIHR CL-PSRC (for the PSRC) and the Director, Centre for Research and Improvement (for the RCoA) and the theme leads
- Support the CL-PSRC's ambition to engage clinicians and academics in patient safety research across England and further afield
- Identify research topics and funding opportunities which will further patient safety research which can be undertaken collaboratively between the PSRC and CR&I
- Support collaborative grant applications
- Work with CL-PSRC researchers on mobilization of knowledge from PSRC projects

### Person Specification

Domain	Essential or Desirable
Track record in research relevant to the PSRC - i.e. health services research, clinical trials, policy, epidemiology - recognised by publications, impact on policy/practice, and/or competitive research funding awards	E
Higher research degree (MD(Res) or PhD) <b>or</b> primary qualification in medicine, nursing or another health profession	E
Consultant or SAS level (for doctors) or Band 8 (AfC) appointment (clinical applicants only) or equivalents	E
Demonstrable experience of research leadership	D
Excellent understanding of the national patient safety agenda	E
Track record of effective, meaningful patient engagement in research design and delivery	E
Committed to equality diversity and inclusivity in all aspects of research	E
Experience of delivering patient safety research	D
Experience of supporting academic career development	D
Fully supported by their employer to take on this role	E

### Remuneration

There is no direct payment for the role. The post is supported by the cost of 1 period of professional activity (1 PA) per week or equivalent for Agenda for Change staff in order to enable the successful candidate to dedicate a minimum of 4 hours per week to the role. It is anticipated that the workload of the role will fluctuate, and the appointee will need to be able to be flexible enough to dedicate considerably greater amounts of time to the project when this is required.

### Period of operation

This is a fixed term position for a period of 2 years with the option to extend for a further 2 years to a maximum of 4 years. There will also be an annual review of performance. Start date would be on or as soon as possible after 1 April 2024.

### How to apply

To apply, please email Claire Flatt at [cflatt@rcoa.ac.uk](mailto:cflatt@rcoa.ac.uk) with:

- A copy of your CV
- A supporting letter addressing the personal specification
- A letter of support from your Trust/Board or equivalent confirming that your job plan can accommodate this role.

Those who are interested in this role may wish to discuss it further with Professor Ramani Moonesinghe, the Director of the NIHR Central London Patient Safety Research Collaboration ([ramani.moonesinghe@nhs.net](mailto:ramani.moonesinghe@nhs.net)), Professor Iain Moppett, the Director for the Centre for Research and Improvement ([iain.moppett@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:iain.moppett@nottingham.ac.uk)), and Ms Sharon Drake, Deputy CEO and Director of Clinical Quality and Research ([sdrake@rcoa.ac.uk](mailto:sdrake@rcoa.ac.uk))

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*At RCoA diversity, equality and inclusion is an integral part of our culture so it is important to us that this is reflected in everything that we do. We welcome applications from all individuals irrespective of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion or belief, disability, marital status or parental responsibilities to ensure we actively embrace an inclusive and representative culture that encourages, supports and celebrates our differences.*