



Centre for Perioperative Care

Clinical Director for the Centre for Perioperative Care

Job Description

Job Title:	Clinical Director for the Centre for Perioperative Care (CPOC)
Responsible to:	Professionally responsible to the Chair of the CPOC Board and RCoA Council Managerially responsible to the RCoA Director of Clinical Quality and Research
Main function:	To provide senior clinical and strategic leadership for the implementation and development of the Centre's strategic ambition. This includes supporting and providing knowledge on the development of clinical services, standard setting, training, curricular, professional education, quality improvement, research, and policy development in perioperative care
Key relationships:	The Clinical Director will work closely with the Chair of the CPOC Board, the Deputy Clinical Directors, CPOC Fellow, Patient Lead, RCoA Council, RCoA Director and Associate Director of Clinical Quality and Research

Overview

The development of perioperative care is driving the way healthcare is delivered nationally and internationally, changing inpatient pathways and integrating services through a multi-disciplinary team approach.

Through perioperative care, prehabilitation is evolving and improved links between primary, secondary and tertiary care, as well as social and community care, are being formed.

The Centre for Perioperative Care (CPOC) is a cross-organisational, multi-disciplinary collaborative between patients and the public, Royal Colleges and similar organisations. CPOC was established in 2019 to facilitate and promote the delivery of high-quality perioperative care; the integrated multidisciplinary management of patients from the moment surgery is contemplated through to full recovery.

CPOC is majority funded and hosted by the Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA).



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The Director for CPOC is an exciting opportunity for a senior clinical leader, working with the CPOC Board and RCoA Council to shape the development of perioperative care in collaboration with cross-specialty stakeholders and partners across the health and social care landscape.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide strategic direction to the Centre for Perioperative Care in conjunction with the CPOC Board, CPOC Executive and RCoA Council
- Development and implementation of the next three-year strategy
- Oversee appointment and coordinate work of Deputy Clinical Directors and CPOC Fellow
- Responsible for discrete projects across length of appointment e.g. development of Clinical Practice Guidelines in Perioperative Care, working to agreed milestones and deliverables
- Support the development of a programme of national and regional events based around sharing of good practice in perioperative care
- Develop and manage relationships with existing network of perioperative leads and regional and local networks
- To work with RCoA's policy team to develop and promote credible, evidence-based policy solutions regarding perioperative care.
- Champion and support multi-disciplinary national and regional education, training, quality improvement and research initiatives in conjunction with CPOC board partners
- Champion and support the wider development of existing perioperative pathways and services
- Support the development of perioperative care globally, working with the RCoA and other stakeholders
- Develop and manage relationships with external stakeholders and partners
- Contribute to media and lay-public enquiries in relation to perioperative care
- Speak on behalf of CPOC and other external bodies at national meetings
- Attend CPOC Board, Executive and weekly meetings
- Attend RCoA Council as co-opted member



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Remuneration

There is no direct payment for the role. We will reimburse your organisation for eight hours per week (2 PAs) of your time which you will dedicate to the role. For this the RCoA offers a fixed funded supplement that reimburses your organisation at £13,480 (+VAT) per PA. Workload in this role will fluctuate over the period so you will need to be flexible with this commitment, at some points dedicating more to the Centre and at other times less. This fee is not negotiable and is subject to annual review of your performance.

Period of commencement and operation

The post-holder will commence their duties following a handover period in September 2025 for a period of three years, subject to an annual performance review. The post is renewable for no more than a second three-year term subject to the approval by the CPOC Board.

How to Apply

Applicants should submit a CV and a supporting statement about their suitability for the role to CPOC@rcoa.ac.uk. This must include contact details (daytime telephone and email address).

At CPOC, 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 identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion or belief, disability, or parental/caring responsibilities to ensure we actively embrace an inclusive and representative culture that encourages, supports and celebrates our differences.

Closing date: 22 May 2025

Interview: 25 June 2025 (Ideally in-person in London, but remote option available)

Commence role: September 2025 following hand over period