

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh – Quality Governance Collaborative

Fellowship Programme 2019 - Cohort 1; February 2019 – February 2020

The QGC is an independent, neutral, non-governmental body committed to developing a new, integrated approach to quality governance in healthcare. We bring together multi-professional groups as part of national and international collaborations with the aim of highlighting issues and improving the practice of quality governance, particularly but not exclusively, in healthcare.

The QGC works closely with, and advises, governments, royal colleges, board directors and other healthcare professionals and individuals involved in the delivery of patient care and public involvement. Improved governance systems will be achieved through the promotion of a National Quality Governance Fellowship Educational Programme, research publications and policy positions, symposia discussions and direct healthcare organisation governance support via audits and invited reviews.

The QGC's goal is to be an exemplar by helping to shape UK and international quality governance practice, ensuring that health systems continue to deliver for patients.

Quality Governance Collaborative Fellowship Programme 2019

The College's Quality Governance Collaborative Fellowship is now inviting applications for its inaugural programme; there are 12 places available on the course. The programme will provide a comprehensive understanding of the issues of governance and is aimed at a multi-professional audience.

Participants in the inaugural programme will be expected to fund a course fee of £750 to secure their participation; this represents a significant discount on the fees for future years. The participant's employers will also be expected to provide sufficient study leave for the participant to complete the course. Furthermore, it is expected that the participants will agree "learning" terms of reference with their employer. The employer will also benefit as the project undertaken by the participant as part of the course will be required to add value to their organisation.

The Fellowship programme will have a focus on healthcare governance and quality, and it is open to all with a demonstrable interest in, and requirement for, greater insight and experience in governance. We strongly encourage applications from patients, carers and other healthcare professionals who are passionate about healthcare governance, and who will bring value to the course, and will learn and benefit from it.

Organisations may choose to nominate individuals, duos or trios to work together on organisationally driven priorities.

The aim of the Fellowship Programme

The aim of the programme is to develop future leaders in governance and quality, equipped with the authority and ability to advance change in their organisations and beyond. This will in turn help to spread excellence, and in keeping with the College's aim, contribute to achieving the gold standard in healthcare.

As noted above, each participant (or group of participants) will be expected to complete a project by the end of the programme that will have practical and/or strategic application for their organisation. It is intended that the

programme outputs will further contribute to the discourse and literature that exists on governance in healthcare. The College will support the publication of the projects at the end of each cohort.

The Programme Structure

There is a time commitment of 11.5 days attendance for the tuition elements of the programme, which will be held on weekdays at the College in Edinburgh. This will include:

- **Structured learning** - A 12 month programme of seminars and workshops – including a 1.5 day induction programme and practical teaching on research methods. Subjects covered in the 10 face to face seminars will include: The principles of Governance and the relationship to Clinical Governance and Health; Ethics and Governance; Patient and Public Involvement in Quality Governance; The Role of the Board; Scrutiny Regulation and Governance Systems; International Quality Governance – the role of WHO, UN World Bank.
- **Professional networking, development and CPD** – The monthly 1 day seminars offer a networking opportunity in which the participants' training needs are addressed via group learning. The course will be CPD accredited, and the curriculum will be aligned to support further study (for example if studying for a higher qualification).

Additional programme learning opportunities will include:

- **Study visit** - An opportunity for participants to undertake a study visit to a governance/quality centre of excellence, to see practical examples of governance in action
- **QGC lecture series** - The opportunity for participants to attend the Quality Governance Collaborative events programme at the College, which includes the first annual conference
- **Mentoring** - The opportunity for the participants to have one-to-one development support with a mentor
- **QI4U** will be available for the use of the participants

The programme is directed by Professor Michael Deighan FRCPE

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