

Chair – AI and Digital Strategy Committee

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh (RCPE)

Role Purpose

The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh is seeking a Chair for its AI and Digital Strategy Committee.

The Chair will provide strategic leadership to ensure the College represents and advances the interests of its Members and Fellows in the safe, effective, and equitable adoption of digital technologies and artificial intelligence.

This role will position RCPE as a credible and influential voice in digital health, shaping policy, advancing clinical education, and supporting research and innovation that demonstrably improves clinical effectiveness and patient outcomes across the UK and internationally.

Key Responsibilities

Strategic Leadership

- Facilitate the strategic direction of the Committee ensuring that it is aligned to RCPE's role as a global professional body
- Ensure a clear focus on clinical effectiveness, patient outcomes, and the real-world impact of digital and AI solutions to the challenges of healthcare delivery
- Lead horizon scanning across digital health, AI, and emerging technologies that will have an impact on clinical care

Representation and Influence

- Act as an ambassador for RCPE in UK and international digital health and AI forums
- Represent the voice of physicians in discussions about AI safety, ethics, and its clinical applications
- Build relationships with policy, academic, and healthcare leaders to influence the digital agenda in clinical care

Governance, Safety and Equity

- Ensure robust consideration of digital governance, including safety, ethics, and equity
- Promote approaches to AI that are transparent, evidence-based, and minimise bias
- Champion equitable access to digital innovation across different populations and health systems

Research and Clinical Effectiveness

- Promote the role of research and evaluation in strengthening the evidence base for digital health and AI
- Support the development and dissemination of evidence on clinical effectiveness, safety, and outcomes
- Encourage alignment between innovation, research, and clinical practice

Clinical Education and Capability Building

- Provide strategic oversight of the integration of AI and digital health into RCPE education programmes
- Support the development of digital and AI capability across Members and Fellows
- Ensure education reflects practical clinical application and evidence-based use of digital technology

Policy Engagement and Strategic Advisory

- Guide RCPE's contribution to UK and international digital and AI policy
- Advise RCPE Council on strategic priorities, risks, and opportunities
- Oversee the development of position statements and promote the RCPE as a credible authority in digital health and AI

Committee Leadership

- Chair meetings effectively, enabling inclusive and high-quality discussion
- Ensure delivery against agreed priorities and outputs
- Foster a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach

Person Specification

Essential

- A UK Fellow of the College in good standing, from a physicianly specialty, with recognised professional credibility
- Evidence of experience in innovation, digital health, data, or artificial intelligence in healthcare
- Demonstrable understanding of clinical effectiveness, quality, and patient outcomes in digital healthcare
- Experience in influencing policy, strategy, or system-level decision-making

- Proven commitment to patient safety, ethics, and health equity
- Ability to operate across UK and international contexts

Leadership Attributes

- Strategic thinker with the ability to translate complex digital and AI concepts into accessible language and concepts
- Credible and confident communicator with experience of engagement with senior decision-makers
- Inclusive and collaborative leadership style
- Ability to represent the perspectives of all Members and Fellows

Desirable

- Track record in digital innovation, implementation, or applied AI in clinical settings
- Experience working with professional bodies, Royal Colleges, or international organisations
- Academic or research leadership in digital health, including publications or grant funding
- Experience of evaluating or implementing AI solutions with a demonstrable impact on clinical effectiveness

Time Commitment

Approximately **1–2 days per month**, including quarterly meetings and external engagement.

Term of Appointment

Three-year term, with potential for renewal in line with RCPE processes.

Accountability

Accountable to RCPE Council.

Why this role matters

Digital and AI technologies are reshaping clinical practice. This role offers a unique opportunity to ensure that innovation is grounded in evidence, delivers measurable improvements in clinical effectiveness, and advances equitable care, while amplifying the voice of physicians globally.

Application process

We hope the role description provides all information required, but informal enquiries can be sent to our Vice President (Scotland and Northern Ireland), Dr Marion Slater (m.slater@rcpe.ac.uk).

Formal expressions of interest, stating why you are interested in the role and what you would bring to it, accompanied by a short CV, should be emailed to Chris Graham, Digital Education Manager, at c.graham@rcpe.ac.uk by 5pm on Monday 14 September 2026.

Interviews: planned for afternoon of Friday 25 September 2026 (subject to change).