



ROYAL COLLEGE OF
PHYSICIANS AND
SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

Recruiting Lay Advisors

Could you bring an independent perspective, professional expertise and constructive challenge to the work of a medical and surgical royal college?

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow is recruiting several new members to our Lay Advisory Group.

About the College

Since being granted our Royal Charter in 1599, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow has been improving health and healthcare for people around the world.

Today, we are a professional membership body providing education, assessment and development to more than 15,000 Fellows and Members at all stages of their careers. We are a UK organisation with a global membership.

Our estate in the heart of Glasgow city centre includes modern conferencing and events facilities, a rich and extensive heritage collection with museum status, a library and our multi award-winning events offering, 1599 at the Royal College.

The Lay Advisory Group

Our Lay Advisory Group brings together people from outside the clinical professions who provide independent perspectives across the College's work. Lay Advisors use their professional experience, skills and judgement to contribute to discussion and decision-making and help ensure that the College considers a broad range of perspectives.

Who are we looking for?

- [Chair of the Lay Advisory Group](#)
individuals with the following areas of expertise:
- [Digital Skills/Artificial Intelligence](#)
- [Fundraising](#)
- [Examinations and quality assurance](#)
- [Assessment of fellowship and scholarship applications](#)

Full details of the commitment and requirements for each position can be found via the links to the individual role specifications above.

Lay Advisors are appointed specifically to provide an independent perspective, and applicants should therefore not have a professional medical or clinical background.



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Previous experience as a lay advisor, trustee, non-executive director or committee member would, however, be an advantage.

Commitment

These are voluntary appointments, normally for an initial three-year term, with the option to remain for a second term, by mutual agreement. All reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out the role will be reimbursed in accordance with the College's travel policy.

All lay advisors will become members of the Lay Advisory Group, which meets approximately three to four times each year. Some lay advisors will be expected to attend additional meetings of a relevant College Board or Committee.

All meetings are hybrid, with the option of attending in person at our Glasgow offices or remotely via MS TEAMS.

Interested?

We would love to hear from people who can bring their experience, expertise and a different perspective to our work.

Applicants should submit an up-to-date CV and supporting statement, clearly stating which position or positions they wish to be considered for and outlining how their skills and experience meet the relevant role specification.

Applications should be submitted to governance@rcpsg.ac.uk.

Closing date: 21 September 2026

Interviews: w/c 12 or 19 October

We particularly welcome applications from individuals who would help broaden the range of backgrounds, experiences and perspectives represented within our Lay Advisory Group and the wider work of the College.

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