

JOB DESCRIPTION

Centre for Perioperative Care (CPOC) Fellow

Job Title:	Fellow for the Centre for Perioperative Care (CPOC)
Responsible to:	Professionally responsible to the Chair of the CPOC Board Managerially responsible to the Director of Clinical Quality and Research Supervised by the CPOC Director
Main function:	To provide clinical support and knowledge to the development of standard setting, training curricular, professional education, quality improvement, research, and policy development in perioperative care
Key relationships:	The Fellow will work closely with the Director and Deputy Directors of CPOC, Chair of the CPOC Board, CPOC Executive, GIRFT Anaesthesia and Perioperative Care Leads.
Duration:	12 months with option to extend if mutually agreed
Essential requirement:	Full registration with the General Medical Council or equivalent for other professions (without restrictions or warnings) For doctors: in a higher training post with a National Training Number For other professions: undertaking, about to undertake or having achieved a higher academic qualification, such as a Masters in Clinical Practice Currently working in a perioperative discipline

Overview

The Centre for Perioperative Care (CPOC) is a cross-organisational, multidisciplinary 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. As such, CPOC is in a unique position to promote holistic and integrated care and provide an opportunity to test innovative models of perioperative management that can be translated to other healthcare initiatives.

CPOC is offering an exciting 12-month Fellowship to provide clinical support and knowledge to the development and delivery of the [CPOC strategy](#).

There is no direct payment for the role. The post is supported by the backfill cost of 0.5 WTE to enable the successful candidate to dedicate a minimum of 20 hours per week to the role. The Fellowship will involve a combination of local working at the appointee's employing Trust/Board/Practice and national working with the CPOC leadership.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

The post holder will support the CPOC Board to achieve the aims of the strategy. The postholder will be expected to contribute to multiple workstreams under the broad headings of:

- Improving patients quality of care
- Empowering patients and their carers
- Supporting the workforce
- Influencing policy
- Harnessing digital technology
- Leading on research and innovation

The post holder will be expected to show leadership for the development and modification of electronic learning resources and the multi-disciplinary perioperative care curriculum.

Clinical Practice

The post holder will deliver safe, effective and patient-centred care. While there is a significant non-clinical commitment in this post, it is expected that the post holder will practice perioperative care at their Trust/Board. There will be the opportunity to develop skills in:

- Communication, consent, consideration of alternative treatment plans
- Clinical resource allocation including consideration of list capacity, critical care provision
- Engaging the expertise of other specialties where appropriate
- Conducting and interpreting appropriate perioperative investigations including, but not limited to, cardiopulmonary exercise testing, coronary angiography, stress echocardiography, and blood investigations
- Opportunistic health screening with referral to services to address modifiable lifestyle factors that affect perioperative outcomes
- Mastery in evaluating the evidence base for perioperative care.

Team working

The post holder will work closely with the CPOC leadership to support the delivery of the centre's aims and objectives.

- This will require engagement of local teams at the base hospital to understand the current working practices and seek out and work with champions to effect change.
- Participation in weekly CPOC business meetings as part of the leadership team
- There will be collaboration with local perioperative care leads to identify their priorities for local implementation and identify ways in which CPOC can support them to achieve this aim
- There will also be wider collaboration with trainees with an interest in perioperative medicine (TRiPOM) and regional trainee networks to identify quality improvement opportunities and support curriculum delivery
- Collaboration with external allied organisations including the Perioperative Care Collaborative and the Coalition for Collaborative Care
- Reporting to CPOC and establish relationships with medical institutions and external organisations to investigate and implement best practice.

Leadership

The post holder will be responsible for developing and promoting the key messages of the CPOC in the following ways:

- Being a positive and enthusiastic role model
- Striving to improve practice and implement evidence-based improvement
- Identifying learning opportunities from key stakeholders
- Representing trainees at a national level

- Communicating CPOC activities to local leads and trainee representatives and feeding back on progress and new ideas for improvement.

Innovation

The Fellow will develop new ways of working to engage and collaborate with primary care and social care agencies using existing resources and services for the benefit of the patient preparing for surgery, specifically looking at modifiable lifestyle factors and engaging patients during a 'window of opportunity' in their perioperative journey.

Leadership & Management

- The Fellow will be supporting the CPOC leadership in the development of the Centre's aims and strategy. This will require an in-depth understanding of the national agenda, how perioperative care sits within the Long Term Plan for the NHS, the role of collaboration with other specialty Royal Colleges, the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, Health Services Research Centre, National Clinical Directors and key policy figures
- The fellow will use this understanding to deliver improvement initiatives at a local level being mindful of resource management, planning of services and patient-centred care.

Education

There will be significant teaching opportunities during the post. This will take the form of:

- Teaching at national workshops on specific perioperative themes
- Disseminating CPOC's key messages at a regional and sub-regional level
- Liaising with College Tutors and School Representatives to facilitate curriculum delivery
- Attending specialist meetings and writing articles in national bulletins to develop understanding of current developments and promote the key messages
- There will be the opportunity to collaborate with trainees in all specialties and provide support in delivering the Perioperative Medicine curriculum.
- Presenting at national conferences

Assessment of performance of this role is a combination of multi-source feedback, twice yearly appraisals and final report from supervisors.

Remuneration

There is no direct payment for the role. 0.5 WTE salary backfill, paid to the post-holder's employing Trust/Board/Practice in order to enable the post holder to dedicate approximately 20 hours per week to the work, supports the post.

It is anticipated that the workload of the project will fluctuate and the post holder will need to be able to be flexible enough to dedicate greater amounts of time to the project when this is required. Outside of a COVID environment, travel is required to attend meetings (funded by the RCoA) which should be taken into consideration, and the post holder will be expected to establish support from their department to facilitate this.

Period of commencement and operation

The post holder will ideally commence their duties in August 2021 for a period of 12-months, subject to regular performance review.

For anaesthetic trainees this post is eligible for out of programme training and up to six months' advanced training in Perioperative Medicine can be approved.

Appendix

For trainees in anaesthesia - RCoA curriculum mapping

The following are a guide and may change depending upon work undertaken during the placement:

Annex D – Higher Level Training, Royal College of Anaesthetists 2020

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Annex E – Advanced Training in Perioperative Medicine, Royal College of Anaesthetists 2020

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