

## Call for expression of interest for Researcher - RCPI Literature Review on Assisted Dying

### Purpose and Scope

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) is seeking suitably qualified applicants to conduct a comprehensive literature review on Assisted Dying, to support the work of an RCPI cross-faculty advisory group on Assisted Dying.

### Background

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland is a postgraduate medical training college dedicated to ensuring that doctors have the skills to provide patients with the best possible care. Founded in 1654, the college supports doctors to enhance their skills, competencies, and professionalism throughout their working lives.

Through its Faculties and Institutes, RCPI offers medical training programmes, examinations, diplomas, and educational courses to equip doctors with the skills and knowledge they need to care for patients and run safe and efficient healthcare systems. It also offers a range of educational diplomas and courses for learners in the wider healthcare sector.

Influencing Public Health Legislation is one of RCPI's current advocacy priorities and RCPI's Members and Fellows lead initiatives and discussions that influence government policies, legislation, and shape public debate.

RCPI has engaged on the issue of Assisted Dying since 2017, publishing a [position paper](#) in 2017, a [literature review](#) in 2020 and engaging with both the Oireachtas Justice Committee ([see consultation submission here](#)) and with the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Assisted Dying.

In 2023, RCPI convened a new cross-faculty advisory group on assisted dying. A comprehensive, updated literature review is now required to support the advisory group in reviewing RCPI's work to date on the issue of assisted dying, and to inform the deliberations of the group in developing a recommendation to RCPI's governing Council.

### Term of Engagement

- This engagement will commence in April 2024 and be complete by the end of July 2024.
- Time commitment is 3 days/week.
- Payment: €2,139 - €2,455 (depending on experience) payable monthly. This will be taxed at source.

### **Project tasks**

- Carry out a comprehensive literature review on assisted dying/medical assistance in dying/euthanasia, using relevant scientific/research databases and grey literature– for example, reports on the implementation of Assisted Dying in other jurisdictions and relevant information from 2023/2024 Oireachtas Joint Committee on Assisted Dying hearings and Report.
- Produce a standalone literature review of journal publication standards.
- Present a report to the advisory group based on the literature review organised to highlight key issues/themes arising from the literature review.
- An interim draft will be reviewed by this group/subset of this group. Feedback from this group is to be incorporated into the final report/deliverable.

### **Qualifications and competencies required**

- Qualification up to PhD level, with a minimum MSc in social science, psychology, education, or related disciplines on a topic relevant to healthcare/health policy.
- 2-3 years of relevant research experience
- Experience in methodical identification, critical review, and synthesis of evidence
- Excellent knowledge of qualitative research methods
- Excellent organisational and administrative skills with strong attention to detail
- Excellent spoken and written communication skills
- High personal motivation and self-management

### **Desired:**

- Experience in research/work in healthcare
- Research outputs in the form of peer-reviewed publications
- An understanding of the topic of assisted dying/medical assistance in dying/euthanasia would be beneficial

### **Submission of expression of interest**

Submissions to this call for expression of interest are due by 5pm on Monday 16 April. Applicants are requested to submit CV with cover letter.

### **How to Apply**

Please send submissions in PDF format to [policy@rcpi.ie](mailto:policy@rcpi.ie). Any queries can also be sent to this address.