

Boards and Committees

Report
1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Purpose and responsibilities of all RCPI committees active during
the 2025-2026

Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
19 October 2026

Governance and Nominations Committee

Joe O'Shea - Chair
Dr Diarmuid O'Shea - President
Dr Martin Hogan - Member
Prof Louise Kyne - Member

Boards and Committees reporting to Council

Executive Committee

As delegated by Council, the Executive Committee oversees the operation and management of the RCPI and reports to Council.

Boards of the six faculties and institutes

The Boards of each of the Faculties and Institutes of the RCPI is to oversee the governance, strategy and financial planning of training and professional affairs related to the Faculty or Institute, on behalf of its membership.

Credentials and Awards Committee

This committee is appointed by Council to oversee the College's credentials and awards and is responsible for reviewing applications for Fellowship of the RCPI and making recommendations to Council for nominations to FRCPI and Honorary Fellowship.

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Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (FinARC)

FinARC is responsible for independently reviewing financial statements and the effectiveness of RCPI's internal controls. FinARC ensures that the interests of RCPI are fully protected in relation to its business and ensure the adequacy and accuracy of financial reporting and internal control and the management of Corporate Risk. This committee acts independently of management and no powers or responsibilities are transferred to it nor does it sit in any approval chain.

Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee functions to ensure that staff are provided with appropriate compensation to encourage enhanced performance in a fair and responsible manner and are rewarded for their contribution to the success of RCPI.

Academic Board

The Academic Board serves as the principal academic authority within RCPI, dedicated to ensuring excellence in education, continuing professional development, lifelong learning and research in medical education.

RCPI Capital Steering Committee

As delegated by Council the purpose of the RCPI Capital Steering Committee is to provide oversight, governance, and strategic direction for major capital projects, ensuring alignment with RCPI's objectives, financial sustainability, and compliance requirements.

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Library and Heritage Committee

The Library and Heritage Committee oversees the management and development of the Heritage Centre and the College's historic collections.

Museum Board

The purpose of the Museum Board is to oversee the construction and development of the new publicly accessible museum in No. 6 Kildare Street.

Connect Programme Steering Board

The purpose of this Steering Board is to provide guidance and support to meet the objectives of the Connect Project. It is also to bring independence to the project and ensure the voice of the user/customer is heard.

Trainees Committee

The Trainees Committee purpose is to advise and assist RCPI on matters relating to postgraduate specialist training, and on issues and concerns that impact RCPI trainees.

College Examinations Committee

The RCPI College Examinations Committee provides oversight and promotes collaboration across the RCPI's Faculties and Institutes, to develop strategic options and review examination performance and attendance, to review and approve examination formats, policies, requirements and regulations, to ensure alignment of standards and objectives across all examinations and to report on questions and issues concerning examinations as required.

College Training Committee

This Committee ensures that the College has a consistent approach to training, respecting that where there are legitimate reasons to adopt different approaches in specific areas, that these approaches, policies and protocols are documented and agreed.

Research Ethics Committee

The purpose of this Committee is to protect the welfare and rights of research participants, facilitate researchers (i.e. RCPI Trainees, Members, Fellows or RCPI staff listed as either Principal Investigator or Lead Supervisor in the research ethics application form) to make appropriate decisions with regard to the ethical aspects of their research and ensure all research conducted by or in affiliation with RCPI Trainees, Fellows, Members and Staff is conducted in accordance with best research ethics practice.

Senior Leadership Team

The Senior Leadership Team leads and guides the College's activities to ensure quality, growth and sustainability to achieve the College's Mission and Vision