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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Institute of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists was established in 1968, and in 1976 became an integral part of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. It draws its membership, at present numbering 250 from the whole of Ireland. Many of these are in current practice as consultants in the public sector in the Republic of Ireland. There are four categories of full membership: Honorary, ad Eundem, by election and by examination. Practitioners who have passed the RCPI examination in Obstetrics and Gynaecology or an equivalent and who are on the Institute Higher Specialist Training programme can apply for Associate Membership.

The Institute collaborates actively with the National Womens and Infant's Health Programme (NWIHP), the National Doctors Training Programme (NDTP), the HSE and Department of Health, and has been central to the development of national clinical guidelines, workforce planning reports, patient pathways and other aspects of quality and safety in healthcare, training and education.

Training and Education is a vital part of the Institute's role. It takes responsibility for setting and maintaining examination standards related to Obstetrics and Gynaecology. It assists in the maintenance of professional standards for doctors with regard to Professional Competence in the specialty of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, including the delivery of vibrant educational events.

The Institute is a dynamic and fast paced organisation. Our members are actively involved not just in the running of the Institute, but also many of its members have extensive experience in planning and organising international scientific and corporate events. Over the years the Institute has formed many constructive links as well as having an active involvement with other Medical Societies and Colleges, nationally and internationally.

Mission:

Our mission is to promote excellence in the areas of patient care, professional standards, education and research in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

KEY PERSONNEL

Key administrators in RCPI who conduct work on behalf of the Institute include:

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dr Suzanne 'Sullivan Chair of the Institute



Dear friends and colleagues

It has been my pleasure and privilege to Chair our Institute this year and to continue the legacy of our past Chair, Sam Coulter Smith. The exceptional dedication, energy and enthusiasm of our membership has enabled the IOG to flourish during 2025. The success of our training schemes which remain extremely competitive and attract the highest quality trainees is testament to the enormous work of our NSDs. On behalf of the IOG, I wish to congratulate and thank Orfhlaith O'Sullivan, Cathy Monteith and Keelin O'Donoghue for their stewardship of the HST scheme, and especially to Orfhlaith for her work on developing and launching the OBE curriculum which went live in July. Our BST NSDs Azy Khalid and Tasneem Ramhender have continued their success in maintaining excellent standards in BST while developing the curriculum and expanding simulation. Thanks to Niamh Fee for her work with JOGS and welcome to Oladayo Oduola, as JOGs rep and to Donal McKenna as our Lay representative on the Board.

Many congratulations to Abeer Fatime, the 2025 James Clinch medal winner and to Daniel Kane our first John Murphy Medal winner. Ruta Petkute and Tommy Harty are worthy winners of the Rory O'Connor Medal

Our ongoing collaboration with NWIHP on clinical and safety issues as well as on advocating for women with endometriosis and incontinence has led to real and sustainable service development and improved patient outcomes. Congratulations to Keelin O'Donoghue on her prolific work on National Guidelines and we welcome her to the RCPI Council and the IOG board.

The IOG continues to thrive and we have extended our influence in areas from Inclusion and Global Health to Sustainability and Green Maternity initiatives. Cathy Burke will lead our National Green Maternity working group and the IOG has committed to spearhead and advocate for meaningful change. Fionnuala McAuliffe and Nikhil Purandhare represented us at FIGO in Capetown, and the IOG has expanded its international reach on important committees and boards in both FIGO and EBCOG. Our work in the sphere of Global Health has been recognised and we have been asked to contribute to several international Global Health projects.

Remembering that our membership is the lifeblood of our Institute, we wish to acknowledge the sad loss of giants in our specialty, especially Professor Joh Murphy, Dr. Jim Clinch, and Dr. Connor Carr who stand as exemplars, and will be sadly missed.

Lastly I must extend my appreciation for the support of the RCPI community and staff. John Hunt, Darragh Whelan, and all those involved in events, courses, exams, education and administration allow us to do this important work, and make it so rewarding. We are eternally grateful.

GOVERNANCE

The Institute is governed by a Board, previously named Executive Council. The Board, alongside its sub-committees and joint committees of the Institute, acts as a vital source of information for those interested in obstetric & gynaecological issues in Ireland.

There were four meetings of the Board held between January 2025-December 2025. The dates were: 17th January, 16th May, 26th September, and 28th November.

Board January 2025-December 2025:

Other Institute Representation

OFFICERS	
Chair of the Institute. Institute Representative on the Forum of PGME Training Bodies, RCPI Executive Board, RCPI Advisory Committee.	Dr Suzanne O'Sullivan
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Nikhil Purandare
Director of Training	Dr Rishi Roopnarinesingh
RCPI Council	Dr Keelin O'Donoghue
IOG Convenor of Meetings	Prof Fionnuala McAuliffe
Coombe Hub Representative	Prof Mike O'Connell
Cork Hub Representative	Dr Mairead O'Riordan
NMH Hub Representative	Dr Shane Higgins
Rotunda Hub Representative	Dr Niamh Daly
West Hub Representative	Dr Gillian Ryan
JOGS Representative	Dr Niamh Fee
Lay Person	Mr Donal McKenna
Northern Ireland Representative	Dr Inez Cooke
President, RCPI	Dr Diarmuid O'Shea
Registrar, RCPI	Prof Michael Keane

RCPI Trainees Committee	Drs Sorca O'Brien & Daniel Kane for Forum; BST O&G Representative Dr Valerie Julius
Forum Professional Competence Subcommittee	Prof Hilary Hoey (for all RCPI training bodies)
Forum Quality & Risk Subcommittee	Vacant
European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (EBCOG)	Dr Mike Robson & Prof Fionnuala McAuliffe
The National Obstetric Haemorrhage Group	Dr Clóna Murphy, Dr Carmen Regan and Dr Bridgette Byrne
NPEC Maternal Morbidity Group	Dr Bridgette Byrne, Prof Mary Higgins, Dr C Murphy, Dr G. Méabh Ní Bhuinneáin & Prof Richard Greene
NCCP National Advisor in Oncofertility	Dr Edgar Mocanu
ICGP Reproductive & Sexual Health Committee	Dr Maeve Eogan
National Incident Management Team (NIMT)	Dr Peter McKenna
FIGO Clinical Guidelines on Placenta Accreta	Prof Donal Brennan

National Obesity Programme	Prof Fionnuala McAuliffe & Dr Jennifer Walsh
FIGO Executive Board	Prof Fionnuala McAuliffe
Massive Operative Haemorrhage working group and NOCA Programme Lead (IOG)	Dr Naomie Burke
CervicalCheck QA Committee	Dr Deirdre Hayes Ryan
NOCA Representative	Dr Aine Dempsey
Vice President, RCPI RCPI Executive Chair, MRCPI Examination Obstetrics and Gynaecology Programme Lead, Diploma in Womens Health, RCPI/iHeed Member, RCPI Examination Board Member, RCPI Academic Board Member, IOG Speciality Training Committee RCPI Council Representative, Faculty of Paediatrics Governance Review	Prof Mary Higgins

Contact the Institute Coordinator at iog@rcpi.ie to ensure our records are kept up to date.

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

By Dr Nikhil Purandare and Mr Barry Quinlan

Institute of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists Income & Expenditure for Financial Year ended 30 June 2025
Commentary

General

An overall surplus of €275,402 was recorded for the 12 months to end June 2025.

Income

Total income (excluding investments) generated for the year ended 30 June 2025 was €2,234,092.

Direct Costs and associated overhead was €1,960,015.

Income is classed under the following headings which are discussed in more detail below:

- Subscriptions
- Events & Faculty/Institute Activity
- HSE SLA Grant Income
- Faculty/Institute Related Income: Exams, International, Independent Courses (incl iHeed), Other

Subscriptions

Receipts from Subscriptions were €42,022 in 2024-25 versus €43,687, a decrease of €1,665 (3.81%) on last year.

In 2024-25, 85% of Associates and 48% of Members paid their subscriptions.

By comparison, in 2023-24, 66% of Associates and 82% of Members paid their subscriptions.

Event & Institute Activity

Event fee income for 2024-25 was €29,946. Event fee income for 2023-24 was only €8,655, as the IOG Winter event was cancelled. €3,524 was earned in sponsorship in 2024-25, €5,710 was earned from sponsorship in 2023-24. Institute admissions totalled €8,460.

€57,675 was released to income in 2024-25 to cover project costs relating to Termination of Pregnancy funding received from the HSE. €8,745 was released in 2023-24. Total funding received for this project was €350,000. We have deferred the balance of €236,383 to the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2025.

HSE Grant Income

This relates to the SLA to deliver training, costs for providing SLA activities exceeded funds received by €1,322,495 and this is reflected in the share apportioned to the Institute; a deficit of €116,731. Income earned from international activities contributes to the costs associated with the national training scheme.

Institute Related Income

This relates to income generated by other areas of the business relating to the Institute.

Exams returns were strong, with a net surplus of €355,343 being allocated to the Institute.

International trainees specialising in Obstetrics & Gynaecology led to net surplus of €103,390 apportioned to the Institute.

Independent Courses, including iHeed, yielded a net surplus of €72,263 apportioned to the Institute. Event room hire income for No.6 Kildare St, and related costs, generated a deficit of €6,257.

Other Income/Costs

This relates to costs of other areas, detailed in Appendix 1, with €29,909 allocated to the Institute as a cost.

Investments

Investments held by the College at the end of June 2025 were €10,159,662 of which €113,076 were apportioned to the Institute. The value of investments apportioned to the Institute increased by €4,325 in 2024-25, compared with an increase of €10,370 in 2023-24.

Appendix 1

Income and costs are classified and allocated as follows:

Income	Basis of Allocation
Subscriptions	Per Faculty/Institute
SLA	Trainee Numbers
Exams	By Speciality/Faculty-Institute
International	International Trainee Numbers
Independent Course	PCS Registrants
Faculty/Institute Courses	By Speciality/Faculty-Institute
Other Costs	
Other - Communications, Professional Competence Scheme, Specialist Division of the Register, National Quality Improvement SLA, Speciality Quality Improvement SLA, Private Income, Clinical Care, Forum, National Immunisation Advisory Committee, Medical Training Independent, Finance, Heritage, Executive Office, Equals, Research & NDTP Development	Membership/Fellowship numbers

Institute of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists
Net Contribution Statement for Year Ended 30 June 2025

	12 Months to June 2025		
	Income	Total Costs	Net Contribution
Net Income			
Faculty Subscriptions	42,022	-4,374	37,648
SLA	525,356	-642,087	-116,731 *
Exams	930,399	-575,056	355,343
International	286,671	-183,281	103,390
	1,784,448	-1,404,799	379,649
Independent Courses (incl iHeed)	180,986	-108,723	72,263
Events & Faculty Activity	99,605	-244,274	-144,669
Events - No.6 Kildare St	2,938	-9,195	-6,257
	283,529	-362,192	-78,663
Other Income/Costs	166,115	-196,024	-29,909
	166,115	-196,024	-29,909
Surplus before Investment Gain	2,234,092	-1,963,015	271,077
Investment Income & Bank Interest Received	4,325		4,325
Net Surplus including Investment Gain	2,238,417	-1,963,015	275,402

* Income earned from international activities contributes to the costs associated with the national training scheme.

Scientific Meetings Report

By Prof Fionnuala McAuliffe

The last year was a very successful year for the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology for our scientific and education programmes.

The IOG conducted 6 online webinars on the following topics:

1. Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology
2. Maternal Medicine: liver, cancer, ICU care,
3. Maternal Medicine: renal, haematology, epilepsy
4. Infertility
5. Oncology
6. Gynaecology

The Fertility Webinars were delivered in collaboration with FIGO committee of Reproductive Medicine, Endocrinology and Infertility. Many of the webinars had international speakers, giving access to our members and Fellows to high quality speakers from abroad.

The total attendance at all the webinars and conferences was greater than 1200.

The 2 annual meetings at No 6 Kildare street were very well attended.

The Annual Spring Meeting was a joint meeting with RCOG and Ulster Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society meeting and we were honoured to host President of RCOG Dr Renee Thakar, Vice Presidents Dr Geeta Kumar, Dr Hassan Shehata. Other international speakers included Prof John Kingdom (Toronto), Dr Lucia Dolan and Dr Kristine Steele (Ulster). The feedback was excellent on this collaborative meeting between the three colleges.

The JOGS meeting in November showcased the high quality of research being done by our trainees in Ireland in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. It was followed by an IOG session on very topical issues such as Outpatient induction of labour by Dr Anna Aabakke, EBCOG speaker from Denmark, and the Role of the Coroners court. A tribute to the late Prof John Murphy was led by Prof Fionnuala McAuliffe, with the following speaking: Dr Suzanne O'Sullivan, Dr Diarmuid O'Shea (President RCPI), Dr Orla Sheil, Dr Myra Fitzpatrick and Dr Stephen Carroll. Prof Paul Byrne received the RCPI Boyle medal for his considerable contribution to IOG and RCPI. The Dublin Reports meeting followed chaired by Prof Fionnuala McAuliffe. Prof John Morrison was the annual reports assessor and lively debate ensued.

We are very grateful to the excellent support we receive from IOG and RCPI in the organisation of our scientific and education programmes.

Prof Fionnuala McAuliffe and Dr Nikhil Purandare

On behalf of Scientific committee members: Dr Vimla Sharma, Dr Edgar Mocanu

European Board and College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists EBCOG

By Prof Fionnuala McAuliffe

IOG is an active member of EBCOG. Ireland is represented by Dr Michael Robson and Prof Fionnuala McAuliffe on council. Additionally Prof Fionnuala McAuliffe was elected as Pan-European member of EBCOG Executive. She also chairs EBCOG Standing Committee of Training and Assessment. In this role a review of European wide training in Obstetrics and gynaecology was carried out and published: Program for Achieving consensus in Training (PACT). This was submitted for review and accreditation to UEMS (European Union of Medical Specialists) at the end of 2025. Dr Jennifer Stokes is representing trainees on this committee.

Prof McAuliffe is the UEMS representative for EBCOG and attends UEMS council meetings in this role.

Dr Anabela Serranito (Drogheda) is leading on EBCOG curriculum development on clinical leadership in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and is undertaking a consensus Delphi across Europe to identify the key elements of this curriculum. Ireland is represented on the trainees European group (ENTOG) by Dr Mei Yee Ng.

FIGO (International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics)

By Prof Fionnuala McAuliffe

Ireland has a strong presence at FIGO, Dr Nikhil Purandare represents Ireland on council and is Chair of FIGO Committee of Reproductive Medicine, Endocrinology and Infertility, Dr Edgar Mocanu is past chair and member of this committee. Dr Meabh Ni Bhuinneain is chair of FIGO Committee of Adolescence Health. Drs Cliona Murphy, Fergus McCarthy and Ronan Sugrue were appointed as committee members within the Division of Maternal and Newborn Health.

Prof Fionnuala McAuliffe was appointed as FIGO Division Director for Maternal and Newborn Health in 2025, having previously chaired FIGO Impact of Pregnancy on Longterm Health committee. Prof Michael Geary is the Editor of the FIGO journal International Journal of Gynaecology and Obstetrics. Dr Mei Yee Ng is the honorary secretary of WATOG (world association of trainees in obstetrics and gynaecology) executive.

At FIGO Congress 2025 in Capetown we hosted an Ireland night, and were delighted that Mr John Dundon, Deputy Head of Mission of the Irish Embassy in South Africa travelled from Pretoria to address the attendees. We are very grateful for RCPI support for this Irish evening of company and music.

Engagement with European and international colleagues and societies enables us to improve women's rights and health across the globe.

NSD Report

By Dr Rishi Roopnarinesingh

Director of Training and Education

Dr Rishi Roopnarinesingh

National Specialty Directors HST:

Dr Cathy Monteith, Ms Orfhlaith O' Sullivan, Dr Naomi Burke

National Specialty Directors BST:

Dr Tasneem Ramhendar, Dr Azriny Khalid

Specialty Training Committee Members:

Dr Cathy Monteith, Ms Orfhlaith O' Sullivan, Dr Naomi Burke, Dr Tasneem Ramhendar, Dr Azriny Khalid, Dr Nadine Farah, Dr Mairead O' Riordan, Dr Fergus McCarthy, Dr Kamal Elmahi, Dr Sam Thomas, Dr Marie Rochford, Dr Finn Armstrong, Dr Marie Christine dr Tavernier, Dr Sean Daly, Dr Rebecca Moore, Dr Jasmeet Kumari, Dr Vijay Hiremath, Dr John Morrison, Dr Waleed Khattab, Dr Amanda Cotter, Dr Naro Imcha, Dr Eddie O' Donnell, Dr Asish Das, Dr Shane Higgins, Dr Matthew McKiernan, Dr Aoife O'Neil, Dr Zara Fonseca Kelly, Dr Patrick Maguire, Dr Ruaidhri McVey, Dr Sami Farrag, Dr Azhir Syed

Trainee Reps; Dr Liane Ramos Silva (BST), Dr Evangeline Morris (BST), Dr Charles Leahy (HST), Dr Sarah Petch (HST)

HST July 2025 – December 2025

	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th Year	5 th Year	Total
Trainees in Clinical Posts in Ireland	18	13	15	7	13	53
Out of Programme Experience	0	0	0	14	10	24
Flexible Training/LTFT Training	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leave of Absence/Withdrawn	0	3	3	3	1	10
Total	18	16	18	24	24	

*69 active posts with some posts having 2 HST trainees in 1 year

- 101 trainees on HST scheme including OCPE
- 47 (%) Dublin, 53 (%) outside Dublin
- 20/69 of active posts (%) in small/medium units (excluding Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick)
- 12 male and 89 female trainees on scheme (12% and 88%)

Years of Training on OCPE

1 st year on OCPE	2 nd year on OCPE	3 rd year on OCPE	4 th year on OCPE
16	9	1	0

Evaluation review (May 2025)

EYE	PYE	FYE	Total
67	8	10	85

*Further assessments scheduled in December 2025

Location of Trainees July – December 2025:

Location	Number	Location	Number
Rotunda	8	Our Lady of Lourdes Drogheda	6
NMH	8	Mullingar	1
Coombe	8	Mayo	2
CUMH	8	Portlaoise	1
Galway	4	Mater	2
Limerick	5	Tallaght	2
Wexford	3	St James	1
Waterford	3	Connolly	1
Portiuncula	1	Sligo	1
Cavan General	1	St Vincents	1
Letterkenny	1	Kerry	1

BST July 2025

1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year	Total
25	29	27	81

The NSDs coordinate recruitment, assessment, curriculum development and remediation for all BST trainees, alongside the RCPI. The BST programme works with Hub Coordinators, where hub assignments are managed centrally. The Hub Coordinator works on behalf of the Hub and not the hospital in which they are located. Actual postings are coordinated by five Hub coordinators:

- Dr Nadine Farrah: Coombe Hub (Coombe Women and Infants Maternity Hospital, St James's Hospital, Tallaght University Hospital, Midwest Regional Hospital Portlaoise, Midwest Regional Hospital Mullingar)
- Dr Etaoin Kent: Rotunda Hub (Rotunda Hospital, Our Lady of Lourdes Drogheda Hospital, Beaumont Hospital, Cavan General Hospital)
- Dr Michael O'Leary: West Hub (University Hospital Galway, University Maternity Hospital Limerick, Letterkenny University Hospital, Mayo University Hospital, Portiuncula Hospital, Sligo General Hospital)
- Prof Shane Higgins: NMH Hub (National Maternity Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital Kilkenny, Wexford General Hospital, Mater Misericordiae)
- Dr Azy Khalid: CUMH Hub (Cork University Maternity Hospital, University Hospital Waterford, University Hospital Kerry, Limerick Hospital, South Tipperary General Hospital)

From July 2020 year 3 of the programme has become national and is not allocated by hub.

Training Breakdown	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Evaluations	0	29	26	55
Interim Evaluations	0	0	0	0
Extra time on scheme	0	1	1	2
Withdrawn	1	0	0	1
Leave of absence	0	2	1	3

*Year 1 assessments scheduled for May 2026.

Location of Trainees July – December 2025:

Location	Number	Location	Number
Portiuncula	2	Mater	0
NMH	9	Kerry	2
Beaumont	2	Our Lady of Lourdes Drogheda	4
Coombe	12	Portlaoise	3
Connolly	0	Rotunda	11
CUMH	13	St James	0
Galway	1	Sligo	2
Mullingar	4	South Tipperary	0
Limerick	4	Tallaght	0
Letterkenny	1	Waterford	5
Mayo	1	Wexford	4
St Lukes Kilkenny/Carlow	1		

CSCSTs Awarded March to December 25

Name
Dr Ciara McCormick
Dr Helena Bartels
Dr Daniel Kane
Dr Teresa Treacy
Dr Amy Fogarty
Dr Ita Shanahan
Dr Andrew Downey
Dr Catherine McNestry
Dr Sara Mohan
Dr Ayodele Aina
Dr Somaia Elsayed

Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists/HSE Joint Working Group MDE Ireland

By Michael F O'Hare MD, FRCPI, FRCOG

The Joint Working Group was set up in July 2007, and the Maternal Death Enquiry (MDE) Ireland, based at the National Perinatal Epidemiology Centre in Cork, commenced formal maternal death data collection for Ireland in January 2009 in collaboration with the long-established UK Confidential Enquiry. The project is funded by the HSE.

Under the umbrella of NPEU/MBRRACE-UK based at the University of Oxford, statistics for UK and Ireland are published annually, on a rolling basis. Topic-specific chapters, however, continue to appear every three years.

The most recent report containing UK and Ireland maternal mortality data for 2021-2023 was launched at a well-attended virtual scientific meeting hosted by MBRRACE-UK in September 2025. To coincide with this publication, MDE Ireland published a Data Brief covering the same triennium.

The maternal mortality rate (MMR) for Ireland for 2021-2023, from direct and indirect causes occurring during or within 42 days of pregnancy end, was 9.0 per 100,000 maternities. There has been no statistically significant difference in MMR over the 15 reporting years of the maternal death enquiry in Ireland. The 2025 Data Brief again drew specific attention to the emergence of suicide as the leading direct cause of maternal death, and the leading cause of late deaths in Ireland. There was a statistically significant increase in the number of deaths due to suicide during pregnancy and up to one year postnatally in 2019-2023 compared with the previous decade 2009-2018.

As before, members of the Institute are strongly urged to bring this and previous reports to the attention of their trainees. All reports are available on the MDE Ireland website.

The most recent virtual meeting of the Joint Maternal Mortality in Ireland Working Group was held in October 2025. After 18 years as Chair of the Working Group, since its inception in 2007, Dr Michael O'Hare stepped down from the role. Prof Greene, nominated by the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology as the incoming Chair, thanked Dr O'Hare for his significant contribution and leadership of MDE Ireland over this period.

Finally, MDE Ireland would like to thank all members of the Institute who have contributed in any way to the success of this project. We look forward to a continuing association with the UK Confidential Enquiry and NPEU/MBRRACE-UK.

REFERENCE

O'Hare MF, Manning E, Corcoran P, Greene RA on behalf of MDE Ireland. Confidential Maternal Death Enquiry in Ireland. Data Brief No. 8. Cork: MDE Ireland, October 2025.

National Maternity and Gynaecology Guideline Programme

By Keelin O'Donoghue and Nicolai Murphy

The National Clinical Practice Guidelines are a programme of work agreed between the National Women and Infants Health Programme (NWIHP) and the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (IOG) of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI).

The guidelines offer up-to-date, evidence-based, clinical recommendations for care of women in maternity and gynaecology services and promote a standardised approach to care across the country. A Quick Summary Document (QSD) accompanies all guidelines; this contains essential take-home messages from the Guideline, including key recommendations, auditable standards and recommended reading. A Plain Language Summary (PLS) is also published alongside each Guideline.

Guideline Programme Team (GPT)

The GPT is chaired by Professor Keelin O'Donoghue (Clinical Lead) and Ms Nicolai Murphy (Programme Manager). Work commenced in March 2021. Responsibilities include the review, update and production of National Clinical Guidelines for Maternity and Gynaecology services in Ireland.

Expert Advisory Group (EAG)

The purpose of the EAG is to oversee the development and update of the National Clinical Guidelines for Maternity and Gynaecology Services. The group is chaired by Prof O'Donoghue and co-chaired by Ms Murphy of the Guideline Programme Team (GPT).

The EAG reports to the GPT, who in turn report to NWIHP's Clinical Advisory Group (CAG), which includes representatives from regional sites, clinical leads and clinical directors.

The GPT are grateful to the members of the EAG for their time and commitment in the Guideline review process.

Access to Guidelines

A full list of Guideline information can be viewed on the National Women and Infants Health Programme webpage <https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/acute-hospitals-division/woman-infants/clinical-guidelines/> and on the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) website <https://www.rcpi.ie/faculties/obstetricians-and-gynaecologists/national-clinical-Guidelines-in-obstetrics-and-gynaecology/>

Mobile application – MEG

The GPT work with Medical E-Guides (MEG) to upload Guideline information for free access within a mobile device application.

Eolas Medical

The Eolas app gives healthcare professionals access to resources like the NICE guidelines and BNF, as well as allowing teams to streamline access to their own local resources. The NWIHP Guidelines are also available to access freely on this application.

Meetings & Training

In keeping with the process set out by the GPT, the programme manager hosted an introductory meeting with each Guideline Develop Group (GDG) for all guidelines commissioned in 2025, and facilitated any follow up meetings that were necessary with those GDG that were underway from previous years.

Guidelines launched in 2025

6th June 2025

- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Assessment and Management of Endometriosis
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: First Trimester Miscarriage
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Fetal Growth Restriction – Recognition, Diagnosis and Management
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Intrapartum Care for Women on the Supported Care Pathway
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Assisted Vaginal Birth
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) and Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI)
- Clinical Update- Adult Vulval Lichen Sclerosus

Guidelines launched 2022-2024

- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Diagnosis and Management of Placenta Accreta Spectrum.2022
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Stillbirth: Prevention, Investigation, Management and Care.2023
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Prevention and Management of Primary Postpartum haemorrhage. 2022
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Prevention of Early Onset Group B Streptococcal Disease in Term Infants. 2023
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Diagnosis and Management of Pelvic Organ Prolapse. 2022
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Assessment and Management of Stress Urinary Incontinence in women. 2022
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Diagnosis and Management of Mesh complications. 2022
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Recurrent Miscarriage. January 2023
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: The fetal anatomy ultrasound. 2023
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Assessment and Management of Postmenopausal Bleeding.2022
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Investigation and Management of Complications of Early Termination of Pregnancy. 2022

- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Vaginal Birth After Caesarean Section. 2023
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Fertility-Investigation and Management in Secondary Care. 2023
- Management of rheumatic diseases in the preconception, antenatal and postnatal periods. 2023
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Varicella in pregnancy. 2023
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Induction of Labour. 2023
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Management of Domestic Violence and Abuse in Pregnancy. 2024
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Reduced Fetal Movements. 2024
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Antenatal corticosteroids to reduce neonatal morbidity and mortality. 2024
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: The Diagnosis and Management of Ectopic Pregnancy. 2024

Expert Advisory Group review meetings

Three EAG review meetings took place in 2025. Details of the EAG meeting dates and the Guidelines reviewed and approved are outlined below.

13/06/2025 reviewed:

- Prevention of Spontaneous Preterm Birth and Mid-Trimester Loss
- Postnatal Midwifery Care for Mother and Infant
- Hyperemesis Gravidarum and Nausea/Vomiting in Pregnancy

03/10/2025 reviewed:

- Hypertensive disease in pregnancy

08/12/2025 reviewed:

Management of Postnatal Contraception

Key Achievements in 2025

A Guideline launch (Five guidelines and one clinical update) took place at the Town Hall, Department of Health, Miesian Plaza on the 6th of June 2025. Speakers on the day included Dr Colm Henry (HSE CCO), Kate O’Flaherty (Director, National Patient Safety Office, Dept of Health), Prof Keelin O’Donoghue (Clinical Lead for National Clinical Guideline Programme) and Kilian McGrane (Director, NWIHP). A number of Guideline Developers also gave a five minute overview of their experiences during the Guideline Development Process.

In 2025, the following new national guidelines were commissioned by the GPT:

1. Perinatal Palliative Care
2. Clinical Practice Guideline: Management of Shoulder Dystocia (working title)
3. Clinical Practice Guideline: Management of Obesity in Pregnancy (working title)

4. Dating scan (clinical update)
5. Termination of Pregnancy for Fetal Anomaly
6. Clinical Practice Guideline: Use Of Anti-D Immunoglobulin In Pregnancy For Prevention Of Rhd Haemolytic Disease Of The Newborn

Work on guideline development

The following guidelines are underway / in progress in development

- Clinical Practice Guideline: Care of Women Using a Birthing Pool for Labour and/or Birth
- Antenatal Care: Supported Care Pathway Clinical Practice Guideline
- National Clinical Practice Guideline on Postnatal Midwifery care for Mother and Infant
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Umbilical Cord Prolapse- Prevention, Recognition and Management
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Unstable lie
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Prenatal Diagnosis- Amniocentesis and Chorionic Villous Sampling
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Hyperemesis and Nausea/Vomiting in pregnancy
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Prevention of Spontaneous Preterm Birth and Mid-trimester Loss
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Management of Postnatal Contraception
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Hypertensive disease in pregnancy
- National Clinical Practice Guideline: Prevention and Management of Venous Thromboembolism in Pregnancy
- National Clinical Practice Guideline for Monochorionic Multiple Pregnancy Management
- National Clinical Practice Guideline for Dichorionic Multiple Pregnancy Management
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Management of Suspected Preterm Labour
- National Clinical Practice Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Menopause in Secondary Care and Menopause Speciality Services
- National Clinical Practice Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Diabetes in Pregnancy (working title)
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Outpatient Hysteroscopy (OPH) /Ambulatory Gynaecology (working title)
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Management of Obstetric Anal Sphincter Injury (OASI) (working title)
- National Clinical Practice Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Abnormal Uterine Bleeding (working title)
- National Clinical Practice Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Pre-viable PPRM (working title)

Other work undertaken by the GPT in 2025

- Meetings with NWIHP senior management team to provide updates on the Guideline programme on the 30th of April and the 11th of August 2025

- A guideline summer update was published in June 2025, this provided an overview of the Guideline Programme, an update of the work completed so far and objectives for the future **Cormac could insert images from this AND include link to this when available**
- Meetings with CleverCat Design to work on publishing Guidelines, Quick Summary Documents and Plain Language Summaries
- Engagements with/consultations with Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP), Sexually Assault Treatment Units (SATU), National Midwifery Guideline Programme and National Neonatology Guideline Programme, National Bereavement Advisory Group, National Maternity Medication Safety Group and the Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Control Group
- Engagements with Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) to agree update to Monkeypox Clinical Document
- Meeting with Prof P Aiden McCormick MD FRCP FRCPI FAASLD Clinical Lead for the National Hepatitis C Treatment Program, HSE
- Meeting with multiple Haematology Clinicians to discuss aims/objectives/key recommendations for the under development VTE in pregnancy Guideline 30th April 2025
- Ms Nicolai Murphy attended the National All Ireland Midwifery Conference on the 14th of May 2025
- Prof O'Donoghue attended meetings of the NWIHP/IOG Clinical Advisory Group

Green Maternities and Gynaecology Units Group

By Dr Cathy Burke

Climate change will shape the lives of babies born in Irish maternity hospitals and their families in ways most people have not yet considered. If healthcare were a country, it would rank as the world’s fifth highest polluter. Healthcare provision involves vast consumption and vast waste. The climate action targets mandated by the Irish government are a 50% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 and a carbon neutral healthcare system by 2050.

Immediate positive action is possible and the decisions and actions we take as individuals and hospital management from now will have an impact on healthcare carbon emissions.

Inspired by the RCPI’s 2023 position paper “Taking Action on Climate Change and Health”, the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology is establishing a network of healthcare professionals in maternity hospitals and gynaecology units throughout the country, called the IOG Green Maternities and Gynaecology Units Network. The group will focus on implementing green healthcare education and initiatives in each unit.

Many healthcare professionals feel undereducated and often powerless to contribute to green healthcare. But green healthcare opportunities present themselves on a daily basis and can be readily undertaken by hospital management. Examples include;

ACTION	HOW CARBON EMISSIONS ARE REDUCED, OTHER BENEFITS
Limit blood/radiological investigations to minimum necessary	Reduced consumables / electricity use. Reduced radiation / data centre storage requirement
Timely de-escalation from iv to oral medication administration	Reduced consumables, reduced plastic waste
Reduce inappropriate use of disposable gloves	Reduced petroleum use / waste disposal costs
Provide information electronically	Reduced paper use
Use reusable/remanufactured/ recycled materials and equipment on wards, labour ward and in operating theatres	Reduced paper / plastic waste / petroleum use
Provide nutritious plant-based meals for hospital inpatients	Reduced carbon emissions from manufacture of meat and meat products, health benefits
Increase outreach/online antenatal and gynaecology care	Less patient travel, reduced fuel emissions, less atmospheric pollution
Examine Entonox usage / address Entonox valve leakage, decommission piped nitrous oxide to theatres	Reduced greenhouse gas leakage and emissions, reduced staff occupational exposure and associated risks (fertility issues, anaemia)
Encourage ambulatory labour, doula, pool labouring and birth per guidelines	Reduced epidural use / CS rate / hospital stay / infection / thrombosis
Encourage breastfeeding and provide high level support postnatally	Reduced high emissions associated with formula milk manufacture

Reduce wastage of infant formula	Smaller formula bottles / decanted infant formula
Encourage reusable nappy use on postnatal ward	Reduced plastic use

Support of green healthcare initiatives can no longer be considered an optional extra in Irish maternity hospitals and gynaecology units. We invite hospitals to prioritise green healthcare initiatives and invite IOG members to join the IOG Green Maternities and Gynaecology Units Network. Please mail iog@rcpi.ie to register your interest

Global Health

By Dr Sara Mohan

Global health is a key priority for IOG and Dr Sara Mohan is the IOG representative for global health issues. She is supported by Dr Meabh Ni Bhuiinneain, Prof Fionnuala McAuliffe. Dr Sara Mohan is currently a UCD funded ASPIRE Global Women's Health Fellow based at National Maternity Hospital. This is the first fellowship of its kind in Ireland and funding for 2026 fellow has been submitted to HSE. Curriculum development for this novel global health fellowship is currently under development in collaboration with RCPI.

The main global health activity of the IOG is the partnership project with the East, Central and Southern Africa College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ECSACOG). This forms part of a wider partnership programme between surgical and anaesthetics colleges in the same region. This includes the East Central and Southern African colleges of surgeons [College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA)], anaesthetists [College of Anaesthesiologists of East, [Central and Southern Africa (CANECSA)] and [East, Central and Southern Africa College of Nursing and Midwifery (ECSACONM)] with the Irish college of surgeons (RCSI) and anaesthetists (CAI). Members of both the IOG and ECSACOG met at FIGO 2025.

ECSACOG are holding their first set of objective structured clinical examinations (OSCEs) in August 2026 for their first cohort of final year trainees in obstetrics and gynaecology, therefore the focus of current partnership activities is examinations.

An online OSCE writing workshop was held in January 2026. This had an exceptionally high calibre of attendees from both colleges.

The online OSCE writing workshop was chaired by Professor Mary Higgins, with support from Mr Keith Farrington, Professor Maeve Eogan, Dr Gillian Ryan, Professor Carole Barry-Kinsella, and Dr Meabh Ni Bhuiinneain. Those who participated in the workshop from ECSACOG included Dr Francis Chiwora, Professor Dereje Negussie, Professor Bellington Vwalika, Dr Lilian Mameti, Dr Kennedy Onyango, Dr Michael Mugaba, Professor Valentino Manase Lema, Dr George Ruzigana, and Ms Judith Andrew.

A single best answer (SBA) writing workshop is planned for early 2026, on the request of ECSACOG to review their SBA questions.

A successful grant from RCPI will enable a visit from ECSACOG to the MRCPI O&G OSCE May 2026. This will build on the previous learning from a similar visit in 2023. The expected visiting examiners from ECSACOG are Dr Susan Atuhairwe and Dr George Ruzigana. We look forward to hosting them and welcoming them to the examinations.

ECSACOG team plans to welcome a delegation from the IOG to assist with their OSCEs August 2026.

ECSACOG Partnership Activity	Date
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Online OSCE workshop	16/01/26
Online SBA workshop	Date TBC
MRCPI exam visit	May 2026
ECSACOG exam visit	August 2026

The Junior Obstetrics & Gynaecology Society has appointed a new global health representative, Dr Sofia Nazir, and the IOG looks forward to involving her in the partnership work.

The Forum of Irish Postgraduate Medical Training Bodies global health committee held a meeting to review their global health strategy, which Dr Sara Mohan attended on behalf of the IOG.

The IOG has been asked to advise on a project on international colposcopy services. This is a project being undertaken by the HSE Global Health. A delegation will be invited to the BSCCP conference in Cork in May.

Healthcare Leadership Function

By Dr Trevor Duffy, Head of Healthcare Leadership

Overview

Clinical leadership is at the heart of the college's mission to advance healthcare. We are committed to supporting our members and fellows throughout every stage of their careers, offering meaningful opportunities to engage with the College and shape the future of medicine. Through dedicated leadership forums, and a strong professional network, RCPI empowers physicians to lead with confidence, drive innovation, and influence positive change across the healthcare system.

RCPI provides healthcare leadership broadly through advocacy, influence, expertise and support. In partnership with a range of stakeholders, RCPI actively leads via the National Specialty Quality Improvement Programmes and National Clinical Programmes. The Healthcare Leadership function aims to strengthen formal leadership education, in addition to supporting doctors in their day-to-day roles as leaders, while equipping doctors with the skills to become future leaders. RCPI strives to enhance its established leadership role with a strategic approach to advocacy.

Healthcare Leadership Initiatives

Regional Engagement

In January and February 2025, Dr Diarmuid O'Shea, President of RCPI, Audrey Houlihan, CEO, and Professor Trevor Duffy, Director of Healthcare Leadership, along with other College officers and staff, visited Tipperary University Hospital, Wexford General Hospital, and University Hospital Limerick. In September 2025, RCPI visited Beaumont Hospital. During these visits, the RCPI delegation engaged with trainees, trainers, consultants, and NCHDs to better understand the current challenges facing medical teams across the country. The discussions focused on identifying opportunities to strengthen medical training and service delivery, with a strong emphasis on enhancing the quality and structure of postgraduate training.

Leadership Forum

The RCPI Leadership Forum was established in 2024 with three core objectives.

- To educate and empower leaders by developing new leadership courses for members.
- To provide leadership support and strengthen understanding of governance for those in key roles, including Clinical Leads and Clinical Advisory Group Chairs.
- To build a connected community of members interested in contributing to the work of the college.

Engagement during the year was strong, with 35 Clinical Leads and CAG Chairs actively participating in forum meetings. This year will see enhanced communication and collaboration within this leadership group through networking events, seminars, and targeted training to support them in their roles.

Mentorship Programme

Mentorship for early-stage consultants was piloted in 23-2024, the second phase of the mentorship programme commenced with an additional eleven retired doctors trained as mentors in 2025. Twenty-five early-stage consultants from all regions sought to participate in this phase. Feedback from

the first cohort of mentors and mentees was very positive and provided valuable insights into the considerable benefits of mentorship to new consultants, which has further informed the programme. Work is progressing to integrate mentorship into leadership educational programmes.

RCPI Academy for retired doctors

The Academy, established in 2023, is a unique opportunity for retired members and fellows to share their expertise and stay connected with the college. During St Luke's Symposium in 2025, RCPI again hosted a social event for academy members, many of whom now contribute greatly to the college through their involvement in mentorship, examinations, CPD audits, representation on committees and heritage projects. To date, twenty retired members have participated in mentorship training to support early-stage consultants.

Advocacy

RCPI regularly contributes to health policy and legislation through expert input, public consultations, and media engagement. It raises awareness among members via events and educational masterclasses. RCPI is part of several alliances, including the Alcohol Health Alliance, Health Promotion Alliance, Tobacco 21 Alliance, and Climate and Health Alliance.

Details of lobbying activities undertaken by RCPI are available at www.lobbying.ie

Tobacco Free Future – Paper

In 2025, the RCPI Clinical Advisory Group on Smoking and E-Cigarettes developed a position statement calling for action on tobacco harm, including a smoke-free generation. This was developed by group members, which includes IOG representation and will be launched in Feb 2026 with a supporting comprehensive communications campaign.

Engaging in Online Activity: Prioritising and protecting the physical and mental health of children and young people

In May 2025 at its Spring Conference, the Faculty of Paediatrics launched a position paper on the impact of online activity on young people's wellbeing. It called for ethical platform design, restrictions on harmful content, and accountability from online platforms. It is intended that the paper will inform the work of the Online Health Taskforce and the recommendations to the Minister for Health Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. The paper was published online and covered in the Irish Medical Independent and in an Editorial in the IMJ.

Position statement on E-Scooters

The Faculty of Paediatrics published a position paper in Dec 2025 highlighting that e-scooter accidents are now the leading cause of traumatic brain injuries (TBI) in children admitted to the paediatric neurosurgical centre at Children's Health Ireland, Temple Street. This is despite the fact it is illegal for children under 16 to use e-scooters on public roads. The paper called for action to raise awareness of legislation, enforce existing legislation and review of existing legislation to keep children safe.

Healthcare Sustainability and Climate Action

A Clinical Advisory Group on Climate and Health was formed in 2024 to implement RCPI's 2023 position paper. Dr Ana Rakovac is the Faculty of Pathology representative on this group and is also its co-chair. This group has advised internally on integration of healthcare sustainability into core professional skills, simulation opportunities, and is working on speciality specific curricula recommendations for healthcare sustainability, engaging via National Specialty Directors and nominated SpRs in Pathology specialities and across RCPI Institutes and Faculties in this work. Posters highlighting this work, including one for O&G were displayed during the St Luke's Symposium in Oct 2025.

With the Irish Climate and Health Alliance RCPI supported a position paper on Active Travel, launched in Oct 2025 at an event in the Mansion House in Dublin, with extensive press coverage. The report has been disseminated widely to national and local decision makers in areas relating to active travel.

Consultation Submissions

In 2025 RCPI made submissions on the national obesity strategy, social inclusion, procurement, climate strategy, transport and tobacco legislation. These reflect its commitment to shaping health policy across sectors.

Prebudget Submission

In August 2025, RCPI released its pre-budget submission, calling for investment in health services, expanding workforce capacity, consultant posts, hospital beds, and community care. It called for improved disability services for children, support for transition from adult to paediatric care, chronic disease programmes, and universal occupational health access. Additional budget priorities include climate action, digital health, fiscal measures to reduce tobacco use and alcohol harm.

Masterclasses – raising awareness and building advocacy capacity

RCPI hosted several masterclasses in 2025 to engage members on advocacy topics. These included sessions on paediatric-to-adult care transition, healthcare sustainability and delivering care at home/virtual wards/digital health.

National Specialty Quality Improvement Programmes

RCPI oversees four National Specialty Quality Improvement (NSQI) Programmes in histopathology, gastrointestinal endoscopy, radiology, and bronchoscopy, which are funded by the HSE National Quality and Patient Safety. Through facilitation of evidence-based quality improvement of diagnostic services and reporting, these programmes aim to enhance patient care and safety and ensure the highest standards are both measured and achieved.

Data collected through these programmes are used to generate reports locally and consolidated into annual national reports, which inform quality improvement strategies across public, voluntary, and private hospitals.

In 2025, the NSQI Programmes continued the practice of assigning owners to key recommendations published in three national data reports in histopathology, radiology and GI endoscopy. Many recommendations are specific to local settings, with the responsibility for their implementation resting with Regional Executive Officers (REOs) in each of the six HSE Health regions, with the hope that their offices will provide appropriate

support structures to individual hospitals. This approach aims to ensure that these recommendations are recognised, prioritised as needed, and that appropriate action plans are developed, implemented, and monitored effectively. Second issue of Summary Reports has been also published in November 2025, providing patients and public with easy to understand summary of findings and recommendations from the national data reports.

National Histopathology QI (NHQI) Programme Highlights 2025

The 12th national data report released by the NHQI Programme in November 2025 presented aggregated findings from 21 public and voluntary and seven private laboratories on collected in 2024. Data were recorded for 583,482 cases reflecting the continued year-on-year escalation in laboratory workload. The average findings of all sites combined were above targets for the peer review QI activities of intradepartmental consultation (IDC), multidisciplinary team (MDT) review and addendum reporting for histology, cytology and where relevant, autopsy cases. Laboratories continued to face challenges in meeting the turnaround time (TAT) targets for histology, cytology and autopsy cases in 2024. The NHQI regional quarterly reports were launched to support the identification of areas where laboratories in each region may require assistance in developing and implementing improvement plans. The NHQI research study “Rising Workload and Diagnostic Complexity in Histopathology and the Impact on Turnaround Times in Ireland” and the European Congress of Pathology in Vienna and at the NSQI annual conference in 2025.

National GI Endoscopy QU (NEQI) Programme

In November 2025, the NEQI Programme published its 10th national data report releasing it at the annual conference. The report, presenting findings from data collected in 2024, highlighted increases in targets being met for the following key quality indicators compared to 2023, the percentage of endoscopists meeting the target for caecal intubation rates, comfort scores, sedation doses, polyp detection rates and duodenal intubation rates. The report analysed data from 36 public and voluntary hospitals and 15 private hospitals, accounting for 313,106 procedures performed by 944 endoscopists across the country over the year. New key quality indicators have been developed for endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) and will be released as part of the NEQI Guidelines V7 which are due to be published in Q1 2026.

National Radiology QI (NRQI) Programme

The NRQI Programme published its 6th national data report in November 2025, presenting aggregate QI data collected from 1 January to 31 December 2024 across 48 participating public and voluntary hospitals. The data indicates a total caseload of 3,535,361 radiological examinations, representing a 9.0% increase in workload compared to 2023. The report Turnaround Time (TAT) findings show an improvement from last year, with more than half of the sites, met or exceeded the recommended target. For OP, GP, and IP referrals TAT remained above 90% for CT, MR, and US. While XR is still below target, it demonstrated improvement across all referral sources. ED referrals also showed continued progress, with CT, MR, US, and XR improving overall, though MR and XR remain below target. A significant development this year is the introduction of revised, explicit TAT targets, following a comprehensive process of research, data analysis, several consultations and formal approval. These targets will act as a guide for future quality improvement efforts, providing a consistent reference point for quality assurance across radiology departments nationally. The NRQI Programme remain dedicated to fostering a culture of quality improvement and patient safety across radiology services in Ireland.

National Bronchoscopy QI (NBQI) Programme

The NBQI Programme's work in 2025 has been focused on technology development to facilitate data collection for the Key Quality Indicators (KQI) identified across five key quality areas for adult bronchoscopy, EBUS and combined procedures: 1) access to procedures, 2) safety, 3) complication rates, 4) patient experience and 5) indicators of procedure success. The need to include combined procedure type became evident from findings of local clinical audits conducted by working group member hospitals.

The work continues to develop the quality framework for each hospital to routinely review standards and drive improvement in key quality areas locally and against national performance.

The working group have commenced a first round of target setting for KQIs using local clinical audit findings, national and international best practice and clinical expertise.

A network of local QI clinical leads has been established, which will be key in ensuring the programme can be run locally. Discussions are underway regarding the development of a national data collection and reporting module which will enable participating hospitals to collect and upload data to a national dataset. The NBQI Programme have also been instrumental in reviewing the bronchoscopy module in the new uniform endoscopy reporting system (ERS), Solus to ensure it will meet the day-to-day needs of respiratory teams.

Quality Improvement

RCPI SAFE Collaborative

Two SAFE cohorts ran during 2024–25 with a combined 21 teams (10 in Cohort 7 and 11 in Cohort 8). Teams worked to identify communication and safety risks and to design or implement a short, structured daily safety huddle. Twenty teams were from HSE services spanning paediatrics, maternity, acute adult care, emergency care, intensive care, palliative care, and care of the elderly, with one private hospital team participating. All completed the programme and submitted digital posters, abstracts or articles, and a short video story.

Cohort 9 of the RCPI SAFE Collaborative launched in September 2025 and is scheduled to graduate in February 2026. Eight teams participated, representing: Mullingar, Mayo, Galway, Letterkenny, Cork, Cappagh, Our Lady of Lourdes Drogheda, and one private hospital.

Teams focused on improving implementation or refinement of safety huddles across a range of clinical microsystems, including:

- Paediatric and adult Emergency Departments
- Special Care Baby Units
- Radiation Oncology services
- Acute inpatient wards

A full Cohort 9 report will be published in 2026 following graduation.

RCPI Quality Improvement in Action

Two cohorts of Quality Improvement in Action ran in 2025, each with 24 places. One cohort completed during the year and another launched to complete in 2026. Most learners continue to be doctors; however, there has been a notable decline in participation by non-nursing, non-medical staff, indicating an opportunity to strengthen multidisciplinary engagement.

Projects in 2025 frequently focused on improving discharge processes, with common themes including:

- Enhancing interdisciplinary communication at discharge
- Forward planning for transitions to secondary or community services
- Supporting timely and efficient discharge
- Actioning referrals earlier to improve flow in outpatient clinics and screening services

These themes reflect wider system pressures and the importance of coordinated, multidisciplinary discharge planning to support patient flow and safety.

Postgraduate Certificate in Quality Improvement Leadership

The 2025 cohort of the Postgraduate Certificate in Quality Improvement Leadership comprises of 10 multidisciplinary teams from specialties including disability services, paediatrics, general internal medicine, cardiology and palliative care. As part of the programme, participants collaborated on team-based Quality Improvement (QI) projects and completed a range of formative and summative assessments. Teams completing the programme have led a range of quality improvement initiatives to enhance patient care, safety, and service accessibility. The 'Serve Us' project involves children, young people, and families in co-designing disability services in line with the HSE Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023–2026. Teams are streamlining referral pathways in paediatric neurology and cardiac rehabilitation, mapping paediatric critical care discharges, and standardising practices such as insulin drug kardexes and ISBAR handovers to improve safety and continuity of care. Specialist projects include transitioning heart transplant and LVAD assessments to outpatient models and improving recognition and management of delirium in emergency departments. Across all projects, teams are embedding person-centered measures to ensure population perspectives inform service planning and evaluation.

Advancing Leadership for Integrated Care Excellence

The Advancing Leadership for Integrated Care Excellence (ALICE) programme, developed in partnership with the National HSCP Office (NHSCP Office), continued to grow in 2025. The inaugural cohort ran from December 2024 to June 2025, supporting ten multidisciplinary HSCP-led teams through a blended curriculum of in-person workshops, virtual learning, targeted project coaching, and leadership development. Each team undertook a quality improvement intervention aimed at strengthening access, coordination, or delivery of care within their local service. Half of the inaugural teams represented paediatric care.

Impact of Cohort 1 (2024–25)

Across children's and adult services, QI projects demonstrated tangible improvements in timely, coordinated, and person-centred care:

- **South West Eating Disorder Service:** The CAREDS project achieved near-universal adoption of personalised communication packages for young people admitted with eating disorders.
- **Monaghan CDNT:** Individual Family Service Plans for young people aged 16–19 increased from 30% to >80% through IFSP clinics and targeted training.
- **North Inner City CDNT:** Ensured babies under one year with complex needs were seen within 14 days of referral.
- **CHI Crumlin:** Triage and scheduling changes, combined with regular huddles, reduced delays in the Combined Orthoptic and Optometry Clinic, decreasing overdue reviews from 48% to 25% by late 2025.

- **Cork North Lee:** A joint SLT/OT assessment model halved service touchpoints and increased parental confidence from 54% to 94%.
- **Donegal South & West:** A unified therapy referral pathway streamlined access, strengthened MDT working, and aligned with Sláintecare principles.

Building on the success of Cohort 1, a new 12-month Leadership in Practice component—funded by the NHSCP Office—will begin in 2026 for graduates. This element is designed to deepen leadership capability, support project sustainability, and strengthen a national community of HSCP-led QI practitioners.

Cohort 2 Launch (December 2025)

In December 2025, ten new ALICE teams were inducted into Cohort 2 and began collecting baseline data for their improvement work. Teams represent a broad range of services across Ireland, including:

- Waterford ICPOP
- Tallaght Older Persons Care
- Tipperary University Hospital – Acute Stroke Unit
- Limerick Diabetes Hub
- Home Support Services, Mullingar/Westmeath
- Ennis – Children with Complex Obesity
- CDNT Kells
- Dublin North West SLT Teams
- Castlebar Stroke Rehabilitation
- Limerick Primary Care Centre

The clinical areas represented across the cohort span older persons' care, chronic disease management, children's disability and complex needs, obesity services, community rehabilitation, stroke care, primary care, and home support services, reflecting the diverse settings in which HSCPs lead integrated care improvements.

Cohort 2 will run through 2026 with refinements to programme structure, evaluation, and follow-on supports informed by learning from the inaugural year.

Postgraduate Training and Examinations Function

By Ms Muríosa Prendergast, Head of Operations

Purpose

The overall aim of the Operations Function within the RCPI is to focus on consistent and process-driven operational delivery of training, education and registry activities in order to support our trainees and learners through their training journey. All that we do as we support doctors. Key parts to that include the delivery and supports for training, educational delivery and registry activities. The Operations department was restructured in September 2024 with and there are many plans for expansion and improvement of processes and services within the function.

The office supports approximately 1,750 trainees and 1,300 trainers in the administration of RCPI's 32 training programmes. In terms of the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists this is the three-year BST programme and the five-year HST training scheme.

Training and Education Delivery

Mrs Zoë Edwards, Education and Training Delivery Manager

The purpose of the Training and Education Delivery Department is to support the key activities of the RCPI Training Bodies as it relates to the delivery of training and the education courses underpinning training.

The purpose of the office is to be a model for excellence and leadership in the development and delivery of postgraduate specialist training programmes, emphasising high quality service, efficiency, effectiveness and excellence in Trainer and Trainee engagement on behalf of the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the other five Faculties and Institutes of the College: Faculty of Pathology, Faculty of Occupational Medicine, Faculty of Public Health Medicine, Faculty of Paediatrics and the Institute of Medicine.

Admissions

Ms Tanya Chapple, Admissions Manager

The purpose of the Admissions office to provide high quality support to our six Faculties and Institutes in the delivery of recruitment, enrolment, onboarding, induction and new intake allocations. Their role includes reviewing and assessment of applications to our BST and HST programmes, determining eligibility for admission. They coordinate interviews as part of the selection process, and work with our clinical leads to complete new intake allocations for our incoming trainees.

Registry

Ms Kelly Webster, Registry Manager

The Registry department serves several different functions. It is responsible for managing and maintaining records and academic administration. The Faculties department sits within this pillar and its purpose is providing high-quality administrative services to the Boards and various Committees of the six Faculties and Institutes. Registry also houses the customer service delivery function as the first point of contact for trainee, trainer and external queries.

Global Training and Partnerships

By Ms Sinead Lucey, Head of Business Development, RCPI

Membership and Fellowship

The Fellowship recruitment campaign continued with targeted invitations being sent to eligible candidates. From the 124 invitations sent from the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists 27 candidates applied and were approved for Fellowship in December 2025. They will be invited to confer at the Institute ceremony in March 2026. The campaign remains ongoing, with each Faculty and Institute deciding who they would like to invite annually.

The Trueology Research Project commenced in July 2024 and was delivered in February 2025. This consisted of an updated state of the nation data analysis, a membership survey and focus groups. The results of these findings have been presented to Faculty and Institute Boards and Council and Executive of the college. Recommendations from this project and the Membership and Engagement Steering Group report will continue to be explored and developed for implementation where possible.

International Alumni Network activity commenced with an event in Riyadh in February 2025. This was held at the Embassy of Ireland and hosted by H.E Ambassador Gerry Cunningham and RCPI President Dr Diarmuid O'Shea. There was a strong turn out with 63 Members and Fellows attending and attendance from local stakeholders and Irish Business Network members taking the attendance to over 80 people. There was positive and constructive feedback received about during and after the event. The second International Alumni Network Meeting was held in Bahrain on Wednesday 5 November 2025 at Crown Prince Center for Training and Medical Research, which is also the location of our exams in Bahrain.

EQUALS Initiative

In February 2025 and June 2025 two more 40ft containers of equipment were shipped to Zambia. This will take the total number of 40ft containers shipped since 2013 to 19 (18 to Zambia and 1 to Uganda). The equipment was tested pre shipment by clinical engineers of the EQUALS Initiative and on arrival it will be distributed across the country to larger teaching hospitals and smaller health clinics.

ZACOMS invited delegates from EQUALS Initiative to attend the June 2025 graduation ceremony for their trainees. Prof David Weakliam and Prof Diarmuid O'Donovan attended on behalf of EQUALS. While there they met with key stakeholders, including the Irish Embassy in Zambia. Separately in June 2025, a delegation of 4 biomedical engineers from EQUALS travelled from Ireland to Zambia and presented at the Biomedical Engineers Association of Zambia annual symposium. While there they also met colleagues from the Zambian Ministry of Health and visited hospitals to see the equipment that has been donated through EQUALS in use.

In October 2025 RCPI hosted Prof Victor Mukonka, Dr Jonathan Sitali and Dr Kweku Gaisie from the Zambian Ministry of Health and ZACOMS. Prof Mukonka spoke at the RCPI Annual Conference and was conferred as an Honorary Fellow. Whilst here they participated in several meetings aimed at supporting the ongoing development and growth of ZACOMS.

Global Health

The Forum of Postgraduate Training Bodies completed the process of developing a competency framework on Global Health which takes the form of a 2 hour, 2 CPD points module. This module is free to access and went live on the RCPI website for Members, Fellows and Trainees to access in November 2024. 257 learners have enrolled on the course to date and 77 have completed the module.

In April 2025 a call for funding proposals was issued to all RCPI Members, Fellows and Trainees for current global health initiatives. There were 13 successful applications and all funds have now been claimed.

The International Clinical Fellowship Programme (ICFP) offers structured, curriculum-based specialist training at a senior level for doctors who wish to pursue higher training in their chosen specialty or sub-specialty. Programmes in Obstetrics and Gynaecology continue to be extremely popular, with applications far outnumbering places. The current programmes offered are Gynaecology Surgery, Labour Ward Management, Maternal Medicine and Urogynaecology. There have been 14 graduates to date, with 14 currently in training. A new international residency training programme has been approved and the first trainees are expected to start in 2027.

2024-2025 Exams IOG Update

Membership of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (Obstetrics and Gynaecology) examinations.

The Examinations Department is responsible for developing, managing, coordinating, and delivering the College's examinations, both at home and internationally. Our Membership examinations continue to demonstrate a strong and expanding global presence.

The Examinations team works in close collaboration with the MRCPI Obstetrics and Gynaecology Examination Board, comprising clinicians in active practice and recently retired clinicians who maintain a strong commitment to training and assessment.

The 2024-2025 academic year we surpassed our highest number of candidates sitting the MRCPI O&G Part II Written Exam. A total of 741 candidates sat the examination across two diets, representing a 12% increase compared with 2023–2024.

We have been continuing to strengthen relationships with overseas centres. A new examination centre was successfully established at Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi, with the first sitting delivered in May 2025. Examinations are also conducted in Al Ain (UAE), Dubai (UAE), Muscat (Oman), and Riyadh (Saudi Arabia). These sittings are coordinated in parallel with the clinical examinations in Ireland, with adjustments for time zone differences and active involvement of RCPI staff and local clinicians to ensure effective communication and governance across sites.

MRCPI Obstetrics and Gynaecology Examinations July 2024 - June 2025			
Date	Exam	Location	Number Candidates

Sept 24	Written	Remote Invigilation	379
Nov 24	OSCE/Clinical	Latifa Women and Children Hospital, Dubai, UAE	65
Nov 24	OSCE/Clinical	RCPI No 6 Kildare Street, Dublin	33
Feb 25	OSCE/Clinical	The Royal Hospital, Muscat, Oman	61
Mar 25	Written	Remote Invigilation	362
May 25	OSCE/Clinical	Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi, UAE	63
May 25	OSCE/Clinical	RCPI No 6 Kildare Street, Dublin	34

Candidate numbers for the Part II Written Examination have demonstrated sustained growth over the reporting period, increasing from 196 (2021–2022) to 741 (2024–2025), representing an overall rise of approximately 278%. Growth was particularly marked between 2022–2023 and 2023–2024, with a further 12% increase in the most recent year.

Candidate numbers for the Part II OSCE/Clinical Examination have remained broadly stable. Numbers changed from 232 (2021–2022) to 256 (2024–2025), reflecting an overall increase of approximately 10% across the period.

Importantly, pass rates have remained broadly consistent with previous years, despite significant growth in candidate numbers, reflecting the stability, fairness, and reliability of the examination processes. These achievements reflect our ongoing efforts to expand and improve our examinations, providing better opportunities for candidates globally.

These standards are maintained through the expertise of the Examinations Department together with the invaluable voluntary contribution of clinicians. The commitment of Board members and examiners, through question development, examining and governance remains central to the integrity and quality of the exams. The parallel work by both groups, with mutual respect and appreciation, allows us to work with candidates and support them, to have their hard work and training recognised, and their careers to progress.

MRCPI O&G Examination Board

The Chair of the O&G Examination Board, Prof. Mary Higgins, continues to provide strong leadership and works closely with the examination convenors and Board members to ensure the continued integrity, quality, and development of the examinations.

The Written Examination Convenor, Dr. Mark Hehir, will step down in March 2026. The Board wishes to acknowledge with sincere thanks Dr. Hehir's significant contribution to the written examinations. He will be succeeded by Dr. Niamh Murphy.

The OSCE/Clinical Examination Convenor role transitioned in December 2025 to Dr. Elamin Dafalla, following the stepping down of Dr. Nikhil Purandare earlier in 2025. The Board records its appreciation for Dr. Purandare's valued service and welcomes Dr. Dafalla to the role.

The Board is further supported by Prof. Paul Byrne, Prof. Maeve Eogan, Dr. Declan Keane, Dr. Meena

Ramphul, Dr. Gillian Ryan, Dr. Niamh Murphy, and Dr. Cathy Monteith, whose expertise, time, and commitment are central to maintaining the high professional and academic standards of the examinations.

The delivery of examinations would not be possible without the dedicated work of the RCPI Examinations Department. Under the leadership of Sinead Freeman (Senior Manager), supported by Louise Treacy (Operations Manager), Rachel Bishop (Team Lead), and coordinators Sirpa Makinen and Rebecca Weafer, alongside the wider team, examinations continue to be delivered efficiently and effectively.

RCPI Education

Diarmuid Breathnach, Head of Professional Affairs, RCPI

Core Professional Skills

In the 2024–25 College year, RCPI convened a multidisciplinary working group of clinical leads from all Faculties and Institutes to review and update the Core Professional Skills framework. The aim is to ensure that it continues to reflect the standards of practice and professionalism upheld across RCPI specialties, aligns with contemporary guidance, and responds to evolving healthcare needs.

The revised framework is structured around the Eight Domains of Good Professional Practice (Irish Medical Council, 2024), with domain-specific overviews and action-oriented outcome sets. This design enhances clarity, traceability, and alignment with assessment practices. Each Faculty and Institute will have the opportunity to provide specialty-specific feedback, and input will also be sought from lay representatives to ensure all key stakeholders contribute meaningfully to the process. The revised version will be finalised during the 2025–26 College year, with publication scheduled for July 2026.

Outcome-Based Education (OBE)

The 2024–25 College year marked a major milestone in RCPI’s educational evolution, with all BST and HST training programmes transitioning to Outcome-Based Education (OBE) curricula. With the Obstetrics and Gynaecology curriculum going live in July 2025, RCPI completed the initial phase of a multi-year transformation that has re-centred medical training on demonstrable outcomes rather than minimum service or time requirements. This shift ensures a stronger focus on professional capability, reflection, and continuous improvement—bringing RCPI programmes into full alignment with international best practice and Irish Medical Council standards.

The implementation of OBE is a shared endeavour between the Department of Training, Education and Lifelong Learning, the Operations Department and each RCPI Faculty and Institute. RCPI teams continue to provide structured support to National Specialty Directors, Trainers, and Trainees through online and in-person implementation sessions, ePortfolio training, and the development of guidance resources available via the Trainer Hub. Recognising that embedding OBE represents a cultural as well as procedural change, RCPI will maintain sustained engagement and reinforcement over the coming years to ensure all participants are supported to apply the new framework with confidence and consistency.

Education Developments in Occupational Medicine

RCPI’s Learning Technology team supported the migration of portfolio-based examinations (LFOM, MFOM) to the Brightspace platform, improving efficiency in submission, marking, and feedback. Collaboration with examiners shaped the system design, complemented by training sessions, demonstration videos, and user-experience enhancements to ensure a seamless rollout.

Simulation

The RCPI Simulation Committee saw a transition in leadership this year, with Dr Anabela Serranito, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, appointed as Chair. Dr Serranito succeeds Professor Dara Byrne, who assumed her national role as Clinical Lead at the HSE’s National Simulation Office. RCPI extends its sincere thanks to Professor Byrne for her invaluable contribution in establishing the Simulation Committee and setting a clear direction for simulation-based education within the College.

During the 2024–25 College year, RCPI was awarded €250,000 in capital funding through the HSE NDTP, National Simulation Office, and SPARK Capital Investment Fund. This investment supports the regionalisation

of simulation-based training, equipping six clinical sites under a hub-and-spoke model that enhances access to procedural skills training in General Internal Medicine and Paediatrics. The Committee's ongoing work now focuses on operationalising this investment, strengthening partnerships with hospitals, and embedding sustainable models of simulation delivery that align with the national strategy for simulation in medical education

Irish Clinician Education Track (ICET) (replace current content with the below)

In 2024–25, RCPI completed the first pilot of the Irish Clinician Education Track (ICET) within Higher Specialist Training. This innovative pathway, designed for trainees with a strong interest in clinical education, provides funding for up to two years of out-of-programme experience focused on supervised teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The first two trainees on the pilot of the ICET programme completed their two-year programme in July 2025. Four trainees commenced on Year 2 of the programme for the college year 2025-26.

ASPIRE FELLOWSHIPS

Doctors awarded a Certificate of Successful Completion of Training (CSCST) on completion of their Higher Specialist Training may apply for a RCPI Aspire Fellowship up to two years post- CSCST.

Created by RCPI in partnership with HSE National Doctors Training & Planning (NDTP), this 12-month Fellowship offers exceptional individuals high-quality training and exposure to speciality training and advanced clinical skills, in addition to a Specialist Registrar (SpR) salary for the duration of the fellowship. RCPI had 20 doctors on its Aspire Fellowships in the 2024-25 training year.

MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FELLOWSHIPS

RCPI's Management Consultant Fellowships, created in partnership with PwC Ireland and EY Ireland, offers Trainees on a HST programme the opportunity to work full-time for a one-year period as a management consultant to gain practical business and management experience in a healthcare context.

The Management Consultant Fellowships were awarded to four Trainees in 2024: Dr Simon Daly (HST Geriatric Medicine) EY, Dr Peter Naughton (HST Public Health Medicine) PwC, Dr James Condren (RCSI Emergency Medicine) PwC and Dr Susan Keogh (HST Paediatrics) PwC

Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS)

With funding from the National Simulation Office, RCPI developed a Train-the-Trainer programme in Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS). Working with international expert Dr Stefan Tchernodinski (University of Illinois) and Dr Paul O'Hara (Portiuncula / University Hospital Galway), we created a blended learning model combining online materials, hands-on workshops, supervised bedside teaching, and self-directed training. The pilot, delivered in Galway and Waterford with consultants in General Internal Medicine, has begun to establish a new pool of trainers equipped to guide future trainees in POCUS, as outlined in the OPTIMISE report. Following full evaluation, the next iteration will expand to include procedural skills training and will run in both Limerick and Kilkenny.

NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY

The Annual National Education Day, organised by RCPI Trainees' Committee, took place on 23 May 2025. Under the theme "Journeying in, out of (and back into) medicine," this year's event featured a series of compelling talks from a diverse group of speakers capturing key themes in medical training, to presentations by finalists for the Trainee Awards.

The event included the Trainee Awards prize ceremony, highlighting outstanding achievements from within the RCPI Trainee Group.

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT SCHEME (CPD-SS)

A total of 915 Learners were enrolled on the Continuous Professional Development Support Scheme (CPD- SS) in the 2024-25 training year.

Postgraduate Certificate / Professional Diplomas

Under RCPI's ongoing, successful partnership with iheed, 2,119 Learners participated across our six programmes in the 2024-25 training year, an increase on 2,043 in the previous year. The QQI validated programme in Obstetrics & Gynaecology continues to flourish, providing graduates with direct entry to MRCPI Part II and Pres Exam Level II exemption.

RCPI and iheed currently offer; Professional Diploma in Paediatrics, Professional Diploma in Occupational Medicine, Professional Diploma in Dermatology, Professional Diploma in Infectious Diseases, Professional Diploma in Geriatric Medicine, and Professional Diploma in Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Health and Wellbeing

RCPI's Health and Wellbeing service continues to provide confidential support to trainees experiencing challenges or seeking guidance during their training, with ~80 active cases at a given time. Alongside one-to-one support, the service leads a range of proactive initiatives to enhance the overall training experience and provides advice to trainers where difficulties arise.

Through collaboration with RCPI colleagues, hospital sites, the HSE NCHD Hub, and NDTP, the Department ensures continuity of care and support for doctors in training. Appropriate referrals for additional assistance are made via the HSE as employer.

The inaugural Wellbeing Day led by trainees – a reflection of growing peer leadership in this important area.

Key ongoing projects commencing this year, including:

- Development of peer-to-peer mentorship
- Delivery of mentorship training
- Updates to the trainee wellbeing curriculum
- Creation of new guidelines on being a medical parent
- Managing critical illness during training.

This year a number of trainees from the Faculty of Occupational Medicine reached out to the Health and Wellbeing Department and we were able to work with them in a number of different ways. We also have a number of occupational medicine trainees sit on the health and wellbeing trainee committee and the chair of the committee was an occupational medicine trainee, Dr Patrick Carr.

The Health and Wellbeing Department remains open to ideas and collaborations that enhance trainee and trainer support. Anyone wishing to explore an initiative or seek guidance is warmly encouraged to contact wellbeing@rcpi.ie.

Institute Membership

New enrolments into Membership of the Institute

Enrolment on 2026:

Membership: 41

Associate Membership: 1

Honorary Fellowship: 2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 06 March 2026 - Spring Conference and AGM
- 27 November 2026, JOGS Annual Meeting