



RCP Special adviser on population health

Location	Remote
Department	Communications, Policy and Research
Reports to	Academic vice president
Tenure	3 years
Hours	8-12 hours per month

About the RCP

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) is a professional membership body with 40,000 members in the UK and around the world working to improve patient care and reduce illness. Our activities focus on educating, improving and influencing for better health and care.

We champion an inclusive culture and welcome applications from all sections of society. We value taking care, learning and being collaborative. These values underpin everything we do.

Join us to help achieve our vision of a world in which everyone has the best possible health and healthcare.

Role context

This is an advisory role in support of the academic vice president's oversight of the RCP's policy and campaigns priorities.

The role holder must be:

- A practising medical doctor who is actively connected with, and credible to, the clinical community. They should hold a licence to practise.
- A fellow of the RCP in good standing with the RCP, their employer, and the GMC.
- Committed to the vision, mission and values of the RCP, and its [Code of Conduct](#)

The Royal College of Physicians welcomes and actively seeks to recruit people to its activities regardless of race, religion, ethnic origin, disability, age, gender and sexual orientation. We aim to reflect the diversity of our members in all our committees, senior roles and staff in general.



Role purpose

The purpose of this role is to

1. advise the RCP on issues relating to population health, in collaboration with RCP special advisers on air quality, alcohol, obesity, sustainability and tobacco.
2. act as primary RCP spokesperson to the media and decision makers on issues of population health, as required and advised by the RCP's external affairs function and/or senior RCP officers such as the academic vice president (AVP) or the president.
3. chair and lead the RCP advisory group on reducing inequalities in health and wellbeing to support the RCP's work to reduce inequalities in health and wellbeing in populations, including by enhanced access and uptake of effective health and care services.

Specific duties

- Lead and chair the advisory group on reducing inequalities in health and wellbeing, working with the policy and campaigns team, to produce a workplan for the RCP's work on reducing inequalities in health and wellbeing in populations, including by enhanced access and uptake of effective health and care services.
- Advise the RCP on matters concerning population health.
- Represent the RCP in the press as advised by the RCP's media team and/or senior officers.
- Represent the RCP externally (e.g. at meetings and events) as advised by the academic vice president and the policy and campaigns team.
- Meet regularly (1-2 times per year) with the academic vice president and executive director of communications, policy and research (or their nominated representative) to discuss and agree plans for the RCP's work on population health.
- Contribute to the development of RCP policy and projects on population health (e.g. contributing to and reviewing consultation responses, parliamentary inquiries, policy reports, advising on necessary research etc.)
- Be a member of the advisory group on sustainability in healthcare and climate change, attending meetings and contributing to the development of its workplan to address sustainability and the impact of climate change on health.



Board and committee membership

- The role will lead and chair the advisory group on reducing inequalities in health and wellbeing. The role holder may from time to time be asked to represent the RCP at internal or external meetings, where population health is a key focus of the meeting.

Closest managerial relationships

- (Officer) Academic vice president
- (Staff) Executive director of communications, policy and research (or their nominated representative)

Financial aspects

- The role holder is not remunerated. The RCP will reimburse reasonable expenses in accordance with RCP policy, such as reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses.

Points of contact

- Professor Tom Solomon – Academic vice president: tom.solomon@rcp.ac.uk / tsolomon@liverpool.ac.uk
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- Policy and campaigns manager in Wales and NI: vacant
- For media queries please contact: media@rcp.ac.uk
- Out of hours press office: 07896 416409



Conflicts of interest

- When representing the RCP in their capacity as a special adviser, the role holder must ensure they do not place themselves in a position where their personal interests or views may conflict with the interests or views of the RCP. Should such a situation arise, the role holder should seek the advice of the registrar and/or the RCP's policy and campaigns team before proceeding.
- The role holder should make declaration of any interests that might conflict with their RCP work, in line with [the RCP declaration of interests policy](#). The role holder must also at all times conduct themselves in accordance with the [RCP Code of conduct](#).
- The role holder should inform any relevant employing authority about their commitment to the role of special adviser.

Use of title

- The role holder may use the title *Special adviser on population health to the Royal College of Physicians* solely when representing the RCP in a public capacity, in line with the agreed RCP policy position and agreement from the head of policy and campaigns, a senior media manager or the senior public affairs and policy manager. The role holder should seek the advice of the registrar and/or the RCP's policy and campaigns team should any confusion arise.

Term of office

The term of office for the role is three years. The performance of the role holder will be reviewed annually by the academic vice president and executive director of communications, policy and research (or their nominated representative), in consultation with the role holder. At the end of three years, the term of office may be extended by mutual consent for a maximum of a further three years.

Termination of role

As the role will be undertaken in a voluntary capacity, the role holder is free to step down at any point following discussion with the academic vice president. The academic vice president, following a discussion with the president, registrar, and executive director of communications, policy and research (or their nominated representative), is free to request the role holder to step down at any time.



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The role holder is asked to give 12 weeks' notice if they intend to step down from the role.

Role to be reviewed annually by the academic vice president and executive director of communications, policy and research (or their nominated representative).