

The RCGP Clinical Innovation and Research Centre (CIRC)

- Clinical Champions and Priorities
- GPs with a Special Interest (GPwSIs)

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The Clinical Innovation and Research Centre

“Developing Clinical Excellence through Clinical Audit
& Effectiveness, Service Development and
Research Projects”

Clinical Innovation and Research Centre

- Support GPs in their careers through the provision of up to date clinical information and guidance relevant to every day practice
- Assist GPs in providing better care for patients through clinical effectiveness and service development projects
- Support and promote research activities in primary care including: Research Paper of the Year, the 'Research Ready' scheme and the Scientific Foundation Board

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Clinical Innovation and Research Centre

Supporting GPs

- Clinical Champions / Priorities
- GPwSIs
- Expert Resource Network
- Alliance of Primary Care Societies
- NICE Implementation

Better Care for Patients

- Clinical Audit / Effectiveness Projects
- Work with other Colleges

Research Activities

- Research Paper of the Year/Scientific Foundation Board

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Clinical Champions and Clinical Priorities

Setting Priorities

- Written submissions
- Stakeholders' Board
 - Professional Judgement
 - Potential Funding Opportunities
 - SMART Outcomes
- Additional Criteria
 - Strategic aims of College
 - Quality of case presented
 - Current College engagement
- College Executive Committee
- Council Approval
- Appointment of Clinical Champions

Clinical Priorities

- Prescribing (David Milson)
- Urgent and Emergency Care (Agnelo Fernandes)
- End of Life Care (Keri Thomas)
- Mental Health (Carolyn Chew Graham)

Examples of Activities

Clinical Priorities 2008/11

- Musculo-skeletal medicine (Mark Porcheret, Graham Davenport)
- Ageing and older people's health and wellbeing (Louise Robinson)
- Respiratory disease (Kevin Gruffydd Jones)
- Headache (David Kernick)

Timetable

- Clinical Priority Submission (October 2008)
- Stakeholders' Board (December 2008)
- Clinical Champions
 - Ratification by Council
 - Workplans

Practitioners with Special Interest



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What is a PwSI?

A PwSI is a GP or Pharmacist who:

- Is first and foremost a generalist
- Is able to act without direct supervision
- Has a level of skill or competence that exceeds the core competences of the individual's *normal professional role*
- Is accredited to deliver specialist clinical services directly to patients

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Why was the RCGP involved?

Through the Clinical Innovation and Research Centre (CIRC) the College aims to:

- Support GPs in their careers through the provision of up to date clinical information and guidance relevant to every day practice
- Aid GPs in providing better care for patients through clinical effectiveness and service development

Practitioners with Special Interest

16 PwSI frameworks completed

Epilepsy

Genetics

Cardiology

Substance Misuse

Headache

Endoscopy

Sexual Health

Learning Disability

Mental Health

Older People

Respiratory

Diabetes

Palliative Care

Urgent and Emergency Care

Pain

Safeguarding Children and Young People

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Taking 10 months to develop

The process of developing the frameworks involved:

- Initial literature search
- First draft developed by Clinical Lead
- First stage consultation – face to face, teleconference, virtual
- Second draft
- Second stage virtual consultation
- Third draft
- Signed off by the:
 - RCGP (Professional Development Board)
 - CIRC Chair
 - Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

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Involving over 200 stakeholders

The Consultation process was led by 16 Clinical Leads who involved:

- GPs and GP
- Registrars
- Pharmacists
- Consultants
- Nurses
- RCGP Patient Partnership Group
- Specialists such as:
Geriatricians, Psychiatrists, Paediatricians, Endoscopists,
- GPwSI networks
- Genetic Counsellors etc...
- Other Royal Colleges: Paediatricians, Psychiatrists, Physicians,
- Community Matrons
- Community Liaison Pharmacist
- GP Educators
- Primary Care Trusts
- 16 Primary Care Societies
- Policy advisors
- Commissioners
- GP advisors
- DH Public Health Unit
- Clinical Programme co-ordinators
- Private Providers e.g. Out of Hours
- Medical Directors



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We consulted widely

We also involved Charities / Health Organisations such as:

- Diabetes UK
- MedFASH
- Macmillan Cancer Support
- BUPA Foundation
- The Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health
- Epilepsy Action
- Asthma UK
- National Treatment Agency
- Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health
- British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH)
- Terrence Higgins Trust
- London Ambulance Service
- Association of British Clinical Diabetologists
- British Association for Community Child Health (BACCH)



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Every framework is different

Some specialities used **existing competency frameworks**

Other specialities wrote the competences from scratch

Different **training** requirements and **assessment** processes were identified for each speciality

Varying **infrastructure** and **support** needs were considered

Some frameworks were **clinically based**; others were **population focused**

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Why are they important?

Collaborative working has produced 16 individual frameworks that:

INFORM

All practitioners need to know the extended knowledge and skills they will require to provide services as a PwSI

..... **ASSIST**

Commissioners need to identify the specific competences (Chapter 3) required by their practitioners in order to meet the specifications of their local services

REMIND

Commissioners and practitioners need to be aware of the necessary support and infrastructure required for different PwSI services

..... **ADVISE**

Everyone should be aware of the best methods of acquiring and maintaining the competences required or the delivery of different PwSI services