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## Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, University of Medicine and Health Sciences (RCSI) - CINNTE Review 2023

### The Review Team



#### Chair

**Professor Ann Griffin** is Deputy Director of University College London (UCL) Medical School, Director of the Research Department of Medical Education, lead for Postgraduate Programmes and Scholarship and Honorary Consultant NHS London. She is a Doctor of Medicine and a Doctor of Education. She is head of the Research Department for Medical Education (RDME). In 2021 her department was recognised with the inaugural award for institutional commitment to scholarship from the Association for the Study of Medical Education. RDME submitted to REF 2021 with the Institute of Education, coming first in research power in the UK.

Ann has extensive experience in strategic leadership in healthcare education as well as research with expertise in undergraduate and postgraduate education at UCL including an international profile in Faculty Development. Her strategic leadership is acknowledged by the award of Principal Fellowship of Advance Higher Education, particularly for her work in governance and quality assurance in medical education. She leads UCL's Centre for Health Professionals Education which provides Masters programmes and continuous professional development for an interprofessional audience.

Ann is an adjunct professor in medical education and family practice at the Chulabhorn Royal Academy in Thailand where she is leading an academic collaboration to establish a new medical school. She is also an associate member of the General Medical Council and Non-Executive Director West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals Trust.



### Coordinating Reviewer

**Maureen McLaughlin** joined Northumbria University as Academic Registrar in September 2021 where she leads an array of professional services supporting the student journey and works with 500+ staff members covering: Quality and Teaching Excellence, Registry Records and Returns, Academic Support, Student Engagement, Student Life and Wellbeing, Northumbria Language Centre, University Library, Graduate Futures.

Working closely with the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education), they support the development and implementation of the Education Strategy. This includes policies and services to support student voice, student progression and student outcomes, the day-to-day management of quality and standards and compliance with external regulatory requirements, as well as preparations for TEF.

She has worked in the Higher Education sector since 1989 and has held senior administrative positions, both central and faculty based, in seven UK universities (MMU, Liverpool, UWE, South Wales, Gloucestershire, Warwick and Northumbria) as well as the post of Manager of the Committee Secretariat/Clerk to Council at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji.

She has a long history of working in quality assurance and enhancement nationally, joining QAA in 2009 as an Assistant Director leading on the training and deployment of reviewers, the introduction of student reviewers in England and NI reviews. She led review teams in UK and overseas reviews of UK higher education provision in Singapore and China. She returned to QAA in autumn 2015 as Head of Universities and Standards, working with cross Agency teams to develop and deliver stakeholder engagement, institutional liaison programme, the redevelopment of the UK Quality Code, and the development and delivery of services, events and activities for QAA's key stakeholders.



**David Willey** is a recently retired executive with more than twenty-five years at main board level in higher education and central government in the UK. In his time at Bournemouth University, Regent's University London and Ordnance Survey (GB), he has held executive roles in strategic leadership, major project delivery, change management and board governance. He has undertaken a number of interim appointments including as Interim Director General at Ordnance Survey and Interim Vice-Chancellor at Bournemouth University.

During his 40-year career in the public and private sectors, he has held responsibility for major IT, estates and organisational change projects with resource responsibilities up to £120m p.a. His early career as a land surveyor took him to major mapping projects in East Africa and South America. He has substantial experience as a regional, national and international representative building relationships and working in collaboration with academic partners across higher and further education, local and central government, and commercial business.


Following his retirement from executive roles, he was appointed as a lay trustee at SOAS University of London where he sits on the Board of Trustees, the Resources & Planning Committee and the Governance & Nominations Committee.



**Beatriz Atienza Carbonell** is a PhD student in Medicine at the Universitat de València (UV) in Spain. She holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Medicine from the UV and a Master's degree in Criminology from the Valencian International University, where she currently works as quality assurance manager.

She has extensive experience in higher education quality assurance and has participated as a reviewer in ENQA and 9 different ENQA member agencies reviewing programmes and institutions from Spain, Belgium, Germany, Kosovo and Lebanon.

During her studies, she had the opportunity to take part in an Erasmus exchange at the Sorbonne University (France), where she completed the fifth year of her medical studies. She participated as well in a research internship at the Alexandrovsk Hospital of Sophia (Bulgaria) and a clinical internship at the First Pavlov State Medical University Hospital of Saint Petersburg (Russia).

	<p>She has a vast national and international experience in promoting student engagement in higher education. She is a former Vice President for External Affairs of the National Council of Medical Students in Spain (CEEM) and Medical Education Director of the European Medical Students Association (EMSA). She is a former trainer of the Advocacy in Medical Education Training of the International Federation for Medical Students Associations (IFMSA) delivered in Taiwan and Greece.</p>
	<p><b>Professor Pól Ó Dochartaigh</b> is Deputy President and Registrar of the University of Galway since 2014, having previously been Professor of German and Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Ulster University. A native of Belfast, he holds BAs from Cardiff and Ulster universities, and a PhD and DLitt from Nottingham University. In the 1980s and 1990s he spent six years in Germany working, teaching English and researching. He is fluent in English, German and Irish.</p> <p>He has published eleven monographs and edited collections and some fifty peer-reviewed research papers. He works across German, Jewish and Irish literature and history in the 20th century. He is a Member of the Royal Irish Academy, a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and a former President of the Association for German Studies in GB &amp; IRL.</p> <p>In his leadership roles he has sought to promote excellence in teaching and research, access to HE for people from non-traditional backgrounds, sustainability in the curriculum, as well as equality, diversity and inclusion, and the Irish language. He chairs, inter alia, the University's Teaching and Learning, and Quality and Academic Promotions Committees.</p> <p>He recently led the development of the University's first Academic Strategy, which charts a path forward for staff and students post-Covid in the teaching, learning and student experience space. From 2018-22 he chaired the CAO, Ireland's central system for university applications.</p>



**Dr Dujeepa Samarasekera** is the Senior Director of Centre for Medical Education at the National University Singapore's School of Medicine. He also holds the portfolios as Senior Advisor, Centre for Development of Teaching & Learning at NUS and is a Senior Consultant with the Ministry of Health Singapore.

He is a globally recognized leader in Medical & Health Professions Education with demonstrated experience in leading high impact & transformational initiatives. Dujeepa leads the School of Medicine Quality Improvement team for education and at national level a member of the Medical Schools Review Committee (MSRC) in Singapore. Dujeepa is also a member of the Expert Advisory Group of European Union support to Higher Education in the ASEAN Region (SHARE).

He was the inaugural president of the College of Clinician Educators at the Academy of Medicine Singapore and was an Executive Board member of the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) from 2018-2021, presently chairs the WFME Risk Committee.

Dujeepa has won many accolades such as the NUS Medicine Special Recognition Award as a Role Model in 2015, Residents Choice Award by NUHS Residency from 2015-2021, Value in Action Award, awarded for excellence in innovation by NUHS in 2018, MILES award for outstanding contribution for global medical education in 2014, Excellence in Administration 2020, COVID Challenge Award for innovation at NUS Medicine & NUS Virtues Award 2021. Dujeepa is the Editor-in-Chief of The Asia Pacific Scholar journal and serves on a number of editorial advisory boards. He has published widely & authored books. He is an Honorary Professor of several other universities and holds the Fellowships of Academies of Medicine Singapore, Malaysia, Medical Educators UK & Europe & is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians Edinburgh.