



## **Clinical Leadership Role for the National Heart Failure Audit 1 PA per week\***

Do you have the passion and the skills required to lead the National Heart Failure Audit (NHFA) to the next phase of quality improvement?

We are looking for a specialist consultant cardiologist or related specialty consultant to provide clinical leadership for the NHFA, a specialist domain of the National Cardiac Audit Programme (NCAP), managed by the National Institute for Cardiovascular Outcomes Research (NICOR). NICOR is hosted by NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGEM) to deliver the programme which is commissioned and funded by NHS England. The appointment will be made by NICOR in consultation with the British Society of Heart Failure (BSH) using AGEM's recruitment process.

The position reports to the Director of NICOR and the Chair of the NCAP Operational and Methodology (NOM) Group. The post holder will work closely with the Chair of the NOM Group, NICOR Chief Operating Officer, other NCAP domain clinical leads and the NICOR delivery team. The post holder will:

- Chair multi-disciplinary NHFA Domain Expert Group (DEG) meetings, monthly project management team meetings and any other ad-hoc meetings, as required.
- Participate in monthly NOM Group meetings; and
- Act as an ambassador for NICOR.

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate professional excellence, an understanding of national audit and quality improvement methodology at a national level and the necessary management skills to ensure timely delivery of the agreed NCAP outputs, as well as to effectively develop and enhance the partnerships between NICOR and its stakeholders (professional societies, hospitals, commissioners, regulators, NHSE, patients and the public).

The job description and appointment process for this role is attached. However, for further information or an informal discussion please contact:

- Theresa McDonagh, NHFA Clinical Lead ([theresa.mcdonagh@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:theresa.mcdonagh@kcl.ac.uk))
- Professor Mark de Belder, Chair of the NOM Group ([mark.debelder@nhs.net](mailto:mark.debelder@nhs.net))

To apply, please send your full CV (including your telephone and email address as well as details of two referees) along with a covering letter outlining your vision for the NHFA domain and explaining how you would provide the clinical leadership required for this role, to:

**Mr James Chal**  
NICOR Chief Operating Officer  
Email: [j.chal@nhs.net](mailto:j.chal@nhs.net)

**Closing date for applications: 17 November 2024**  
**Interviews will take place via MS Teams: 5 December 2024 (morning)**

***\*The post will initially be on an 'Elect' basis for a maximum of 12 months to allow for a smooth transition and handover between the outgoing and incoming clinical lead. The role will not be paid during this Elect period. Thereafter there is a payment contribution of £10,000 per annum.***