



Royal College of Physicians

Dr Peter Belfield biography

Dr Peter Belfield was adopted by the city of Leeds in 1973 when he first attended Leeds University as a medical student. He was appointed as a consultant physician at Leeds General Infirmary in 1987, specialising in the care of older people.

He went on to have a number of local, regional and national clinical leadership roles and between 2009 and 2013 was the medical director for Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust. There he oversaw clinical leadership within the trust and was responsible for a medical workforce of 1,650 doctors. He had a key role in maintaining quality in financially challenging times. As responsible officer he also dealt with a significant number of cases of doctors in difficulty or at risk.

Since 2014 he has been an RCP college officer and the medical director for invited service reviews. He has completed 25 reviews in this time, helping to improve patient safety and ensure high quality care is provided.

Presentation Summary

Over the last three years the RCP invited review service has carried out over 25 reviews. These have ranged from major service reconfigurations through to reviews of individual practice and clinical records. We will present a summary of key themes and findings from these reviews. We have seen the best and worst of practice and people trying their hardest in an overstretched NHS. Our work makes the RCP relevant to the NHS and improves patient care. Invited reviews are a meaningful way in which the RCP collaborates with medical specialties and we will draw on our experience in particular with the British Cardiovascular Society. We will describe the key components of high quality care for patients and physicians.