

[#SundayWiMIN23](#) Week 47: Dr Deirdre Collins

Dr Deirdre Collins is a GP and is Chair of the Board of the Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP)

Deirdre is pleased to have been appointed as Chair of the Board and looks forward to working with the Board, Council and Members in continuing to deliver on the ICGP College Strategy 2023-2026.

Dr. Deirdre Collins has served on the Board of the ICGP since 2019. She was Chair of the Education Governance Committee until taking the role of Chair of the Board in June 2023. Her time as Chair of Education Governance saw the Committee provide oversight for the expansion of the ICGP Education team and the delivery of traditional and blended learning for members in a rapidly changing educational environment.

She is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin, completed her GP training in Dublin/Kildare and is a founding partner of a multidocotor training and teaching practice in her hometown of Kilcullen, Co. Kildare.

Her aims as Chair include the development of a Leadership programme for General Practice in ICGP: "leadership is natural to many doctors but we need to ensure representative leadership, we need to sustain the leadership group and we need to ensure the General Practice and College has strategic leadership into the future". It will endeavour to examine and advance the specific qualities that women bring to leadership and address the need for wider diversity too. This personal leadership development should bring benefits for the individual GP, for practice teams, for local GP groups and at a national level.

The recent Network of GP Trainees Conference took as its theme the "Ever Changing Landscape of General Practice" and this theme resonates with her as this is what attracted her to the speciality and keeps her energised in General Practice.

Deirdre says "For me this ever-changing landscape offers opportunities for autonomy, independence and innovation. As a College it is important we retain that autonomy and ability to self-determine for all our members. That intrinsic GP flexibility allows us work where we want, when we want and how we want and to be own our (Wimin) Boss!" ICGP will celebrate its 40th Birthday in 2024 and she looks forward to this opportunity to reflect on the central role the College has in the education, training, advocacy and collegiate support of all its members.