

From strategy to action: Developing people, practice and our simulation community | Full day (10h-17h)

In collaboration with the Royal College of Anaesthetists

Background: This event draws on the College's work between 2024 and 2026 to build a network of simulation practitioners, develop a strategy, and provide leadership on faculty development and quality assurance in simulation. Following our successful ASPIH Xperience day in 2025, we'll revisit these themes, focusing on simulation in anaesthesia and its practitioners. In June 2026 the College published its 2026-2031 Simulation Strategy, followed by new quality assurance guidance, and presents this workshop as an opportunity to meet, discuss, and develop as simulation faculty, and to contribute to the network of practice in the UK and beyond.

Aims and learning outcomes: This all-day workshop is designed to provide an interactive learning day for simulation faculty in the context of perioperative medicine and anaesthesia. It will feature presentations, discussions, and interactive workshops. As a participant, you should expect to do the following:

- **Apply the Simulation Professional Development Framework** to support their own development and/or the development of others involved in simulation-based education and practice.
- **Critically reflect on quality assurance within simulation activities**, identifying approaches, tools and resources that can enhance the quality and consistency of simulation practice.
- **Evaluate the role of simulation across a range of educational, improvement and systems-based applications**, considering how different approaches align with local and organisational priorities.
- **Collaboratively explore opportunities for innovation within simulation practice**, drawing on diverse perspectives and experiences from the anaesthesia simulation community.
- **Design a feasible simulation activity aligned to a defined purpose**, incorporating appropriate educational strategies, available resources and quality considerations.

Target audience: This session is appropriate for anyone working in, or supporting, anaesthesia as part of an interprofessional team.

Faculty / facilitators:

- Cristina Diaz-Navarro (RCoA Simulation Advisory Group Chair)
- Edward Mellanby (RCoA Simulation Advisory Group Chair)
- Colette Laws-Chapman
- [Full faculty TBC]

Agenda

10.00 - 10.15 Introductions, welcome and overview

10.15 - 11.00 The professional development framework, Colette Laws-Chapman

Interactive lecture followed by Q+A. Learning outcomes:

- Discuss the application of the framework to your development or to support others as they grow within simulation.

11.30 - 13.00 Quality assurance in simulation: update and what next?

Introductory presentation and workshop. Learning outcomes:

- Exchange perspectives within similar areas of simulation practice
- Access new tools and templates.
- Reflect on elements of quality assurance essential in simulated practice.

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.00 Discussion: The role of simulation within anaesthesia

Simulation can be used with a great breadth of purposes - Transformative simulation framework

- Workshop set up:
 - How do you use simulation within your context?
 - How else could you use it?
 - How would you prioritise these different uses?
- Alignment with the strategy.

15.00 - 15.15 bio break

15.15 - 16.30 From inspiration to design

Focussing on an innovative idea identified in the previous session, consider how could you set up an engaging and low resource simulation session?

- You will need to agree on the purpose/outcome of the session
- How will you make it happen?
- How will you ensure that the activity is of good quality?