

Professor Colin McCowan

Professor in Health Data Science

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Colin McCowan was appointed as Professor in Health Data Science from January 2019 at the University of St Andrews and is an Honorary Professor within the Institute of Health & Wellbeing at the University of Glasgow.

Colin was at the University of Glasgow between November 2012 and December 2018, most recently as Professor of Health Informatics in the Robertson Centre for Biostatistics. He has research interests in the use of existing routine data within epidemiological studies and in the support of clinical trials and other research methods. His work spans a number of clinical conditions including cancer, healthcare acquired infections, cardiovascular disease, multimorbidity and care of the elderly. He has been involved in developing services to provision routinely collected clinical data for research both at the Robertson Centre, jointly running the West of Scotland Safe Haven with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and before that at the Health Informatics Centre in Dundee.

He led the capacity building work stream of the Farr Institute, is the lead for training and an Associate Director for the Scottish site of HDR UK and has published widely in the epidemiological and data science literature.

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