



The Royal College of Pathologists

Pathology: the science behind the cure

Scotland Regional Council Trainee Representative

Role Description

- Eligibility:** Any Member (must be either pre-FRCPath Clinical Scientist or Medic at ST3 trainee grade level or above) of the College whose address, as shown in the College Register, is in Scotland.
- Nominated by:** Two Fellows of the College whose address, as shown in the College Register, is in Scotland.
- Appointed by:** If there is more than one nomination, the successful applicant will be chosen by the Scotland Regional Council
- Accountable to:** Scotland Regional Council
- Term of office:** Three years from the November AGM or until CCT
- Commitment:** Three Regional Council meetings per year and three Academy of Medical Royal Colleges Trainee Doctors Group meetings per year.

This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic trainee in any Pathology discipline in Scotland to represent trainee pathologists on the Royal College of Pathologists Scotland Regional Council in the capacity of a Trainee Representative.

The College

The College has a key role in the professional aspects of pathology services in the development and delivery of healthcare. Those holding office in the College provide professional leadership and thereby contribute at a national level to the maintenance and development of pathology services and the quality of care that patients receive. The College expects its office holders to be proactive and to provide leadership, not only in their own specialty, but also in pathology in general, in the wider context of health services. The College's influence extends to all sectors of healthcare provision.

The College is its membership, and the coordination, coherence and consistency between national, regional and local activities is paramount. All office holders are expected to subscribe to these principles. The Honorary Officers (President, 3 Vice-Presidents for Communications, Learning and Professionalism, Registrar, Assistant Registrar, Treasurer) play a key role and work together to ensure coherent College advice and guidance across the areas of College activity at the international, national, regional and local levels through the College Clinical Directors, and the English Regional representatives. Devolved Nation representatives provide the professional leadership within their region. The College also provides advice and guidance on specialty-specific issues nationally, regionally and locally. The Specialty Advisory Committees provide professional leadership within their specialty.

Summary of the role

Trainee Representatives will serve for a period of three years or until CCT is attained, and are expected to attend three Regional Council meetings per year, and three meetings of the Scottish Academy Trainee Doctors' Group (SATDG) per year. It is expected that special leave will be granted to attend these meetings.

No previous experience is required.

Trainee Representatives are an important element of the Regional Council as they are able to contribute to discussions and provide balance and valuable insight. The Trainee Representative is expected to represent trainees in all Pathology disciplines, not just their own disciplines.

Becoming a Trainee Representative on Regional Council will give applicants good awareness of national and regional issues within pathology.

During their tenure, it may be possible for Observers to be co-opted into Regional Council working groups depending on their experience. In this instance, Observers will use their skills and experience to support the Scotland Regional Council so that it runs efficiently and delivers against its Terms of Reference. It is anticipated that the applicant will engage with Trainee Pathologists in Scotland using the official website and social media. The applicant will have the opportunity to craft their role.

In between formal meetings, much of the committee work is dealt with electronically. Trainee Representatives will be invited to respond to electronic requests.

The Trainee Representative also has a seat on the Scottish Academy Trainee Doctors' Group (SATDG), representing the Royal College of Pathologists, which takes place three times a year at the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh. These meetings may be attended in person or remotely. They also liaise closely with the Trainee Advisory Committee of the Royal College of Pathologists and provide brief written reports to this committee in advance of their meetings. Attendance in person at Trainee Advisory Committee Meetings is optional.

Please note that this post is not remunerated but travel and expenses can be claimed.