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President

Background and relevant experience:

- Full time Consultant Parasitologist, UCL Hospitals. Three quarters of time on Parasitology service in Health Services Laboratories: primary diagnosis, specialist and reference services
- Director of a National reference laboratory in regular contact with pathologists from all over the UK and beyond. Managing referrals of complex cases in clinic
- As both provider and requester of diagnostic tests, I have a unified view
- NEQAS Scheme Organiser, UK NEQAS Board member
- •BE 2018, for Services to Parasitology and Malaria
- RCPATH Excellence Award 2019, for NEQAS Parasitology Teaching Scheme.

What I would bring to College:

- Positive interpersonal skills, collaborative and constructive approach
- Strong commitment to Social Mobility, equal opportunity and fairness. Only 6% of doctors are from working class backgrounds. I am one of that 6% and collaborate with a major social mobility charity, advocating a profession more aligned with the population we serve, whilst maintaining excellence
- Excellent international links: Many years' collaboration with WHO, and Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics
- Clear understanding of the role and relationships of medical Royal Colleges, having served as Dean of the Faculty of Travel Medicine, RCPS(Glasg).

Objectives if elected:

COVID-19 changed healthcare delivery more in four months than any time in 70 years of the NHS. There will be no going back.

- Convene an urgent task force to bring to Council options and ideas for how College should lead the profession in adapting to the new NHS post-COVID-19 and ensure that Pathology plays a fuller part in shaping future healthcare
- Examples:
 - Enhanced provision of surge capacity, led by Consultants and Clinical Scientists
 - Synergistic links with researchers and private providers without loss of quality
 - Enhanced presence of pre- and post-analytical elements of the service
 - New ways of working. Roll-out of new IT proceeded more rapidly in recent weeks than ever; we introduced telemedicine clinics and now understand how many meetings can be conducted just as well remotely.

Brexit

Still waiting in the wings; its full effect on our speciality has yet to be felt.

- Continued engagement with Government to mitigate adverse effects on pathology will be a priority.

Professional standards

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- A supportive ethos should apply, aiming for constructive remediation via education.

Undergraduate education

Reach out directly with web-based teaching materials covering topics we feel they need, but may not always appear in their training; free of charge if they register with the College.

Trainees

FRCPPath is a must-have, but some wonder what else College does for them.

- Reach out and inspire doctors early. Trainees are tech-savvy and we must engage that way.

Workforce

Posts to which trainees aspire must be attractive, but also sustainable. Even the perfect post becomes untenable when staffing lags behind workload.

- Examine ways to re-design Consultant posts to enhance recruitment
- Engage with NHS CEOs in the devolved administrations to show how pathology can improve outcomes
 - Regional Seminars for CEOs to show how we can help.

Delivering these objectives

Health is devolved to the four Nations. Delivery will require stronger Regional Councils.

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