



TRAINEES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dear Trainee,

Welcome to pathology and the Royal College of Pathologists.

Whatever your chosen specialty, the College actively encourages trainee participation in as many College activities as possible and the Trainees' Advisory Committee (TAC) is a key part of this; we are **your** link to the College. Our aim is to represent **you** in the College and to raise trainee issues and concerns to the College leadership.

The TAC comprises representatives from the different pathology specialties and subspecialties that are part of the College. We hold biannual meetings with major stakeholders (members of the examinations, education and executive committee, including the President) and conduct regular, ad-hoc business meetings to ensure TAC productivity and to address matters arising. The TAC acts as a conduit to the college with a view to improving your training experience. So, please send us any feedback.

Discussion points are informed by your feedback, which is collected, collated and analysed in advance of each meeting. To collect feedback, prior to each meeting, trainee representatives may contact you to find out about any issues that need to be raised.

Alternatively, you can contact your representative directly to ask questions/submit feedback. (To find out who your TAC representative is please visit <https://www.rcpath.org/profession/committees/trainees-advisory-committee.html>).

Additionally, you will have the opportunity to submit questions and queries via our online portal on the College website in advance of each TAC meeting. The College will notify you about Portal opening and closing dates. All submitted queries are discussed at TAC meetings, after which written outcomes will be provided.



During TAC meetings we pose your questions and voice your concerns to senior College members who update the TAC about the ongoing work of the College.

In addition to these meetings, the TAC works throughout the year to address training queries/issues. If you would like to pose questions to the TAC outside of portal opening times you can email rpathtac@gmail.com (or to your speciality representative). The email address is manned by the TAC. We will endeavour to either respond directly or refer your query to the member of the TAC or College who is best positioned to help.

We are always looking for volunteers and support. If you are interested in supporting the College and your fellow trainees, please consider applying to be a TAC member.

Vacancies are listed on the TAC webpage

(<https://www.rcpath.org/profession/committees/trainees-advisory-committee.html>).

TAC representatives will be present at the online Trainees Welcome Day in September. Please say hello and ask lots of questions.

Wishing you the very best of luck with your training and we look forward to hearing from you!

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Chair of Trainees' Advisory Committee

