



The Royal College of Pathologists

Pathology: the science behind the cure

I have been a College officer for twelve years, serving consecutive terms as Assistant Registrar, Registrar, Vice-President and President and have found being involved in the College to be one of the most fulfilling aspects of my career. I am fortunate to have had very understanding and supportive colleagues and employers, enabling me to take time out of my clinical role, but also believe that my national work has benefitted my department and the trust.

I have enjoyed the variety of work I have encountered as an officer. All officers are trustees and share responsibility for the governance of the College, so are involved in overseeing the finances and setting strategic priorities. In addition, each role has a particular area of responsibility, such as workforce or learning. I have particularly enjoyed developing the College's public engagement activity, something I had no experience of whatsoever when I joined in 2005.

I strongly recommend getting involved in your College. You'll work with some great people and learn a huge amount about the health service and yourself. I'd be very happy to have a chat with anyone who's considering applying for one of the roles. Do please think about putting your self forward – you never know where it might lead!

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