



The Royal College of Pathologists

Pathology: the science behind the cure

Trainees' Advisory Committee

Terms of Reference

1. The College's Mission Statement

The Royal College of Pathologists' mission is to: advance the science and practice of pathology; further public education in the field of pathology; and, promote study, research and innovation in pathology and disseminate results.

2. Purpose

The Trainees Advisory Committee has delegated responsibility from Council for matters of concern to trainees.

3. Duties and Responsibilities

Trainee concerns.

4. Accountability and Delegation

- Advising Council and Trustee Board on matters of concern to trainees which are within the remit of the College and seek ways to respond to these concerns
- Informing committee members of Council's activities
- Considering matters suggested for discussion by Council, Specialty Advisory and other College Committees
- Disseminating information about College activities amongst all pathology trainees
- Receiving biannual reports from each representative, either in writing or orally, on the relevant specialty committee and/or sub-committee on which they sit
- Reporting regularly to Council on Committee deliberations and activities
- Providing a written report of Committee's activities to the College Annual Report
- Working in collaboration with the College learning team.

5. Membership

The Royal College of Pathologists understands the value and strength that diversity brings and we are proud to be an organisation of members from a wide range of backgrounds. We are keen to encourage and enable more people of all identities and from all backgrounds to become involved in the College.

The membership shall comprise the following:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair, appointed from existing committee membership
- Representation from examination specialties
- Trainees from each specialty
- Honorary Officer representation (ex officio). Officers are all ex-officio members of committees and should be included in any item that requires a vote
- Academic Trainee Representative
- Lay Member
- Co-opted other specialist society

A request for additional members will be submitted to Council.

See appendix for current membership.

6. Meetings

Four meetings a year should normally be held. Discussion and decision via email or other electronic means is encouraged outside of formal meetings.

7. Quoracy

One third of members.

8. Administration

- Administration for meetings will be provided by a member of RCPATH Corporate Services team
- Agendas and papers will be circulated at least one week before each meeting
- Minutes will be made available on the College website, with access restricted to College members only via myrcpath

9. Resources

Travelling expenses will be paid to members of the committee (or deputies when appropriate) in line with the College's expenses policy.

10. Date agreed

11. Next review date

20 November 2027

Membership list updated July 2026

Appendix

Current SAC Membership

Chair	Dr Agnieszka Jakubowska
Vice-Chair	Dr Ryan Clark
Representation from examination specialties	Dr Nicki Cohen Dr Ronan McCullan
Academic	Vacant
Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics	Dr Emma Holmes
Clinical Biochemistry	Dr Matthew Waite
Cytopathology	Dr Lisa Johnston
Cellular Pathology	Dr Katie Hawkins
Dermatopathology	Dr Aliaksandra Lapukhova
Medical Virology	Dr Neil McInnes
Medical Microbiology	Dr Nathan Moore
Reproductive Science	Joanne Wilson
Genomics	Dr Laura Taggart
Haematology	Dr Wei Yee Chan
Transfusion Medicine	Dr Jonathan Massie
Immunology	Dr Sarah Spencer
Veterinary Pathology	Vacancy, Veterinary Clinical Pathology Dr David Sheehan, Veterinary Anatomic Pathology Vacancy, Veterinary Microbiology
Toxicology	Vacancy
Neuropathology	Dr Oleg Anichtchik
Paediatric Pathology	Dr Francesca McDowell
Oral and maxillofacial	Dr Mollie Clark
Forensic Pathology	Dr Theodore Estrin-Serlui
Healthcare Science	Vacant
Research Committee	Dr Wiaam Al-Hasani
Co-opted other specialist societies	Dr Larissa Pais, LabMed Dr Naomi Lyn-White, Association of Clinical Pathologists (ACP)
Honorary officer representation (ex officio). Officers are all ex-officio members of committees and should be included in any item that requires a vote.	Dr Marta Cohen
Lay Member	Vacancy
Total	31