



The Royal College of Pathologists

Pathology: the science behind the cure

Northern Ireland 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 Northern Ireland.

Nominated by: Self-nomination

Appointed by: Northern Ireland Regional Council

Accountable to: Northern Ireland Regional Council

Term of office: Three years from the year of election

Commitment: Three Regional Council meetings per year

The College

This 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 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 and are expected to attend three Regional Council meetings per year.

Trainee Representatives are an important element of the Regional Council as they are able to contribute to discussions and provide balance and valuable insight.

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 Trainee Representatives to be co-opted into Regional Council working groups depending on their experience. In this instance, they will use their skills and experience to support the Northern Ireland Regional Council so that it runs efficiently and delivers against its Terms of Reference.

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

Trainee representatives are expected to liaise with trainees in Northern Ireland via email to feedback and discuss relevant issues. They also liaise closely with the Trainee Advisory Committee of the Royal College of Pathologists.

This post is for a period of three years or until CCT is attained.

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

Application

Applicants are encouraged to self-nominate. Potential candidates are asked to submit a short (one side of A4) statement of interest, indicating their strengths and interests including any relevant experience and a current CV to the Governance and Committee Services Officer, Jessica Zago (jessica.zago@rcpath.org), by **Monday 22 April 2024**.