



The Royal College of Pathologists

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## **What's involved ... in representing Veterinary Pathology on the Trainees Advisory Committee and SAC**

### **Trainee Representatives on the Specialty Advisory Committee on Veterinary Pathology**

The Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC) on Veterinary Pathology was established to advise on the support required for specialisation in veterinary pathology; the standard of training programmes and examinations and the representation of the discipline and profession of veterinary pathology within the scientific and wider communities.

At present three Veterinary Pathology trainee representatives share representation for Veterinary Pathology and act as alternates for the twice-yearly meetings of the Trainees Advisory Committee.

It is expected that the respective representative for Veterinary Pathology will also attend the twice-yearly meetings of the Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC) on Veterinary Pathology and will be an alternate for the shared seat on the Trainees Advisory Committee (TAC).

In relation to the meetings of the SAC, it is expected that the representatives for Veterinary Anatomic Pathology, Microbiology and Clinical Pathology will act as the principal voice for the veterinary microbiology and anatomic/clinical pathology trainees registered with the College during the periods between the formal meetings.

Trainee representatives should attend the meetings of the Trainees' Advisory Committee on an alternating basis. In those meetings they have the opportunity to discuss wider training issues and to discuss the questions of their trainee group with the College Officers. If one representative cannot attend, they are asked to consider either teleconferencing or allowing the other representative to attend in their place. In addition, a written report summarising the activities of the representatives and any relevant developments are requested in advance of the TAC meeting. Trainee representatives on the SAC on Veterinary Pathology therefore need to communicate with each other prior to TAC meetings to agree who is going to attend the TAC meeting (either in person or via teleconference) and the content of the report.

The outcome of the TAC must be disseminated to trainees: once again, agreement should be reached between Veterinary Pathology trainee representatives to ensure that trainees in the specialty receive one common report to cover relevant issues discussed in the meeting.



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