



Royal College  
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ADVANCING SURGICAL CARE



## Would you like to act as a Lay representative and critical friend to the JCST?

The Royal College of Surgeons of England is looking to fill a position on the Joint Committee for Surgical Training (JCST). The JCST is an intercollegiate advisory body which acts on behalf of the four surgical Royal Colleges of the UK and Ireland and other relevant bodies to ensure that surgical trainees satisfactorily complete a comprehensive, structured and balanced training programme, enabling them to enter the GMC's Specialist Register or the Irish equivalent in their chosen specialty, and to be eligible for senior specialist appointments in the National Health Service (NHS) or Irish health service.

We are looking to appoint an individual who has a strong personal commitment to the health service, with the time and enthusiasm to engage with the JCST.

Ideally you will have some background within the NHS, outside of surgery, and a proven interest in teaching, training and learning, whether within the medical profession or more widely at a post-graduate level.

This is an enjoyable, stimulating, and rewarding role which ensures that the patient and lay voice is heard when matters relating to the training of the next generation of the surgical workforce are under consideration and ensuring that patient safety is at the heart of the Committee's deliberations and decision-making.

The role will enable you to help shape the future of the surgical profession and can support your own personal and professional development.

Through JCST activities, you will meet and work with enthusiastic and knowledgeable surgeons with a passion for education and training from across the UK and Ireland. You will be able to share your views and make a real difference to the future surgical workforce.

This position is voluntary, with travel expenses reimbursed. The appointment is for five years. The JCST meets three times a year – these can be half day or full day meetings.

JCST activities involve a combination of virtual and in-person meetings to allow all members to contribute alongside their other professional and personal commitments. In-person meetings take place at venues around England and Scotland.

The time commitment also includes time to read the papers for the meetings and potentially respond to email circulations of documents being considered outside the formal meetings and may occasionally include involvement in short-life working groups. The overall time commitment is not expected to exceed one day per month.

To apply, please send a CV and covering letter to [rcshr@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:rcshr@rcseng.ac.uk).

The cover letter should demonstrate why you are interested in the role and any relevant experience. Please also include the contact details of someone you have known for at least two years, who will be willing to provide a reference.

The deadline is **Sunday 08 September 2024**.

For more information, please visit [www.jcst.org](http://www.jcst.org)