

VACANCIES FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIALTY ADVISORY COMMITTEES (SACs) – 2018

The JCST is looking for practising NHS Consultants who are committed to surgical training and would like to make a real contribution to the following surgical specialties:

- Cardiothoracic Surgery, General Surgery, Neurosurgery, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Otolaryngology, Paediatric Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgery, Urology and Vascular Surgery.

The work undertaken by SAC members includes amongst other areas:

- Setting quality indicators for the training of surgeons, on behalf of the certifying authority, the [General Medical Council](#) (GMC);
- Recommending trainees for the award of the CCT / CCST (Irish trainees) / CESR (CP) (Combined Programme) and supporting other ad-hoc trainee applications such as Out of Programme (OOPT/OOPRs, etc.);
- Developing and maintaining the surgical curricula and relevant assessment tools;
- Providing advice to Postgraduate Deans and Schools of Surgery including:
 - acting as Liaison Members for a designated region in the UK and/or Ireland;
 - attending Specialty Training Committee (STC) meetings and ARCP meetings on a regular basis (see outcome of SAC review and its recommendations [here](#));
 - providing advice and guidance to trainees and trainers;
 - supporting the network of Training Programme Directors (TPDs) and STC Chairs on matters to do with surgical training;
 - bringing to the attention of the SAC any relevant matters concerning individual trainees or training posts;
- Evaluating [CESR](#) applications on behalf of the GMC for those who wish to be considered for Specialist Registration.

All those appointed should have the following skills and experience:

- A strong personal commitment to the NHS;
- Active or very recent experience as a surgical trainer;
- Experience of administration/management of training at regional committee level or equivalent;
- Excellent knowledge of the StR surgical training system (including the ARCP process and the [Intercollegiate Surgical Curriculum Programme](#) (ISCP) website);
- Have attended a Training the Trainers course;
- Have attended an Equality & Diversity training course (please note that you will be required to attend a JCST in-house E&D training session).

Full job description and person specifications can be found [here](#).

We particularly welcome applications from women, who are under-represented within our structures. Please note that consultants who would be due to retire from the NHS during their term are welcome to apply, however, we will expect them to have maintained their GMC trainer status and will not be able to cover expenses related to the tasks required of SAC members.

PLEASE NOTE:

All new SAC members will be required to attend an SAC Induction Day at RCSEng – liaison duties cannot begin until this has taken place. Induction Days future dates are available [here](#).

SAC meetings are held in London (3-4 times per year) and **travel expenses should be paid for by the Hospital Trust or Health Board** where the member works. Membership of the SAC is for a period of five years. If you are interested and would like to find out more please go to the JCST website [here](#) or call 020 7869 6252.

CLOSING DATE: 3 December 2017