Terms of Reference

Patient Safety Group

Background
RCSEd recognises the need to promote a safe environment for patients undergoing surgery, through recognition, pre-emption and remediation of surgical error – both technical and non-technical. By raising the awareness of the potential for, and impact of, medical error on surgical patients, it is hoped that the performance of surgical teams will improve and that surgery will become safer for patients.

Purpose
The purpose of RCSEd's Patient Safety Group is to work towards the enhancement of patient safety through education, quality assurance, team working and consistent processes.

Governance
The Patient Safety Group reports to the Standards Committee.
The Patient Safety Group liaises with the Education Department who oversees all activities related to the teaching and training of patient safety-related issues to the surgical community.

Remit
- To promote the integration of Patient Safety training and assessment into curricula of all surgical specialties
- Research and development of all issues related to patient safety in all areas of surgical practice
- To act as advocates for the safety of the surgical patient in matters of training of the surgical team
- To represent the College in such matters relating to patient safety in surgery
- To develop links with sister organisations
- To act as a 'conduit' of information relevant to patient safety in the surgical setting

Composition of Group/Membership

Quality	**Term of appointment**
A Member of Council (Chair)	3 years, renewable
1-2 Members of Council	As per Council's term of office
SAS representative	As per appointment
The Chair of the Policy Group	As per appointment
Trainee representative	As per appointment
1 Patient / Patient' relative	3 years
1 Lay representative	3 years
1 Anaesthetics representative	3 years
Representative from FDS	3 years
Representative from FST	3 years
Representative from FDT	3 years
Representative from FPC	3 years
Representative from FPHC	3 years
Representative from FSEM	3 years
Clinical Leadership Fellow	3 years
Staff Representative	
Administrative support	