

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH

SURGICAL CHAIR OF THE REGIONAL SURGICAL AMBASSADORIAL NETWORK

JOB DESCRIPTION

Personal/Professional Qualities

1. Be a Fellow of good standing with the College
2. Have a good understanding of the current RSA Network
3. Possess excellent communication skills
4. Be able to motivate, innovate and lead a dynamic and diverse group
5. Be an excellent communicator and team player

Responsibilities

1. Provide strategic direction and leadership to the network
2. Develop Regional activities based on both local and regional College priorities including involvement with the annual student surgical skills competition
3. Work with the Council Member who has overall responsibility for RSAs to inform Council of developments and activities
4. Further promote the established Foundation Trainees Surgical Societies (FTSS) across the UK and liaise with local RSAs to offer leadership and guidance for FTSS activities
5. Promote the recently established Core Trainee Forum (CTF) across the UK and liaise with local RSAs to offer leadership and guidance for CTF activities
6. Offer leadership for organising the annual FTSS and the CTF National Conferences
7. Organise the RSA development days in April and November (Edinburgh) along with the 'all College meeting' in November each year
8. Provide an update on RSA Network activity to College Council annually
9. Attend, when able, the regular Council Development Sessions (eight per year) to further enhance links between the RSA Network and Council
10. Plan and manage the pro-active turnover of appointments to the RSA network
11. Identify opportunities to link with both Dental Ambassadors and international Ambassadors and liaise with the Dental Faculty
12. Liaise with the Marketing and Communications staff in both Edinburgh and Birmingham to co-ordinate resources
13. Work collaboratively with the two RSA Network Deputy Chairs to meet these goals

Commitment

1. There will be a requirement to attend RSA events and regional events as well as associated committees
2. At least 5 days a year of offsite activity will be required
3. Attend the regular Council Development Sessions (CDS)
4. Agreement from Service Director/Medical Director may be required

Essential Criteria

1. Current or previous RSA
2. Knowledge of wider College activity with evidence of previous participation
3. Ability and willingness to attend meetings, both in Edinburgh and regionally

Term of Appointment

1. This is an honorary position normally for a period of three years.

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