

Sustainability in Surgery Group

Application Pack

The Sustainability in Surgery (SiS) Group works to review issues of sustainability in surgical practice, associated industries and within RCS England itself. Led by the two Co-Chairs, the group will work with the wider College to develop our role in surgical sustainability and ensure there is focus on the [Sustainability in Surgery Strategy](#).

The role of the Sustainability in Surgery Group is to:

- Guide the RCS England membership to improve sustainability in their own surgical practice;
- Consider the impact of RCS England's working practices on sustainability;
- Act as an advocate for sustainability;
- Be a voice with other relevant agencies and bodies involved in surgical or health care;
- Advocate for research into sustainability in surgical practice;
- Ensure that working partners are evidencing a sustainability strategy;

We are recruiting for 14 roles:

- Two Co-Chair posts
 - One member at any career grade
 - One from Council, appointed by Council
- Three Consultant or SAS Doctor posts (a minimum of one SAS Doctor)
- Two Specialty Trainee posts
- One Core / ST1 / ST2 post
- One FY1 / FY2 post
- One medical student post
- Two Council representative posts (appointed by Council)
- One dental member post
- One associate member post

Applicants must be fellows, members, affiliates or associates of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. FDS members are also encouraged to apply. If you are not currently a fellow or member, [find out how to join us](#).

Key Dates

1. Application deadline – 5pm on **Monday 30 January 2023**
2. Interviews will be held in **February 2023**
3. Successful candidates will be informed in **March 2023** and expected to attend the SiS Group meeting on **Tuesday 2 May 2023**

Contact

If you would like to find out more:

Visit our website – www.rcseng.ac.uk/sustainability

Email us – sustainability@rcseng.ac.uk

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Job Description

We are seeking members with enthusiasm to drive sustainable change and the knowledge and experience to lead improvements in surgical practice. The main functions of the group are to:

- Consider policy and make recommendations in the areas covered by Sustainability in Surgery.
- Actively promote and support sustainable surgical practice within the group and at a local level.

Duties and responsibilities

Co-Chair

As Co-Chair you will hold the below responsibilities in addition to those of a group member.

- Guide the group in meetings and propose new ideas.
- Be a voice of diplomacy.
- Lead the group in sustainable activities and ensure values are upheld.
- Alongside RCS England's sustainability group, you will be a member of the intercollegiate sustainability group once formed.

Group member

- Attend five meetings per year.
- Develop the College's role in and understanding of surgical sustainability.
- Work on position statements, guidance and tools to support the surgical community.
- Ensure that sustainability is embedded into the long term strategy for RCS England.
- Work with surgical leads to ensure that there is a focus on sustainability issues within all College activities.
- Support sustainability research identifying targets for change (e.g. via research fellowships).
- Work with staff to oversee creation of a sustainable development plan for College processes.
- Gather examples of best practice and research to promote.
- Liaise with other governing and regulatory bodies, including holding relevant meetings.
- Demonstrate a reduction in carbon footprint for the activities of this Group.

Chair tenure

- Three years, renewable for a further two years

Group tenure

- **>ST1:** three years, renewable for a further two years
- **<ST1:** two years, renewable for a further one year

Person Specification

- Fellow, member, associate or affiliate member of RCS England; training or working in the UK.
- Proven experience as part of an effective group, committee or project; e.g. local surgical society, charity, hospital or trust, or other area unrelated to surgery.
- Proven ability to devise and carry through projects, individually and as part of a team.
- Proven knowledge and enthusiasm for sustainable surgery.