



Global Policy and Advocacy Committee

Terms of Reference

Description

A sub-committee of the Global Affairs Standing Committee (GASC), established to provide strategic advice and guidance on the development and implementation of the global policy, advocacy and communications priorities of RCS England.

Core Aims

The Committee works to:

1. Develop and implement a proactive global policy, advocacy and communications strategy for the College.
2. Ensure that the College's global policy and advocacy initiatives promote, reflect and inform the strategic priorities set by Council and the College's Global Strategy.
3. Collaborate and/or coordinate activities and work plans with those of the Global Surgery Programmes (GSP) Committee and the Global Oral Health (GOH) Committee.
4. Consult and collaborate with all relevant Council/ Board Leads, committees, directorates and departments as appropriate.

Key Functions & Responsibilities

The Committee is responsible for working with Council/ Board Leads, College committees, directorates and departments to:

1. Increase the international profile, influence and 'voice' of the College as a thought-leader and expert on advancing surgical and patient care globally.
2. Strengthen the evidence and research base on the role and contribution of surgery in addressing global health challenges and improving health care delivery.
3. Advance the case for greater investment in surgical systems strengthening initiatives within an international and global health context.
4. Contribute to the development and review of the College's Global Strategy, providing appropriate advice and recommendations to the GASC.
5. Engage with policy and decision makers, such as politicians, ministries of health, select committees and all party parliamentary groups.
6. Coordinate the publication of policy papers, articles, briefings and position statements. These will also include responses to consultations and calls for evidence.



7. Raise the profile of RCS England and its international work through social media, creative content development (video, podcasts and photography), blogs, the College website, publications and newsletters.
8. Proactively involve and engage members, partners and key stakeholders in the development and execution of the College's global policy and advocacy work.
9. Identify strategic organisations, alliances, networks and forums, which the College should be a member of or seek representation on.
10. Work with the GSP and GOH Committees to ensure that the impact and learning outcomes from projects are translated into meaningful policy and advocacy positions to influence key decision-makers and advance surgical and dental care.
11. Ensure a cross-organisational approach when delivering the College's global agenda and international activities.

Chair	Miss Susan Hill, Consultant Vascular Surgeon
Reporting to	Global Affairs Standing Committee
Meetings/year	Up to three