

VACANCIES FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIALTY ADVISORY COMMITTEES (SACs) – 2016

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/ CESR (CP) (Combined Programme)/ CCST (Irish trainees) and supporting other ad-hoc trainee applications such as 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 SAC Liaison Member for a designated region in the UK and/or Ireland;
 - attending their respective 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) by liaising with them and STC Chairs on matters to do with surgical training;
 - making recommendations regarding training posts and/or training programmes;
 - 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 (ARCPs and [ISCP](#)) surgical training system;
- 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:

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 usually happen in March/June/October – future dates are available [here](#).

SAC meetings are held in London (3-4 times per year) and **travel expenses are 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 visit the JCST website [here](#) or phone 020 7869 6252.

CLOSING DATE: 29 April 2016