



Healthcare Science Committee

Terms of Reference

1 Purpose

The Healthcare Science Committee has delegated responsibility from Council for matters relating to policy, standards and practice in specialist areas of pathology and laboratory medicine.

2 Approval Authority for:

List of National Assessors for Consultant Scientist appointments

Oversight and Responsibilities

- Policy and practice of workforce planning for healthcare scientists in pathology
- Contribution of healthcare science to the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine

3 Accountability and Delegation

3.1. Strategy

- Promoting the growing contribution of healthcare science to the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine and its impact on the quality of healthcare
- Liaising with the College Workforce Department and the Department of Health's workforce planning group, currently Health Education England (and equivalents in Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales) on the policy and practice of workforce planning for healthcare scientists in pathology

3.2. Specialty Engagement

- Liaising with relevant professional bodies and specialist societies on matters of policy, standards and practice in specialist areas of pathology and laboratory medicine
- Liaising with the Chief Scientific Officer at the Department of Health (and equivalents in Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales) on all policy matters related to the recruitment, training, competence assessment and registration of healthcare scientists and other healthcare scientists
- Maintaining and regularly reviewing the list of National Assessors for Consultant Scientist appointments
- Liaising with relevant professional bodies, trainees and the Examinations Department to facilitate the availability of FRCPPath by examination to healthcare scientists in pathology in line with the agreed common framework
- Acting as a College resource for advising individuals considering a career as a healthcare scientist
- Acting as a resource for responding to enquiries or identifying experts in specialist areas of pathology and laboratory medicine who can assist the College in its work
- Organising academic meetings that emphasise the multidisciplinary nature of healthcare science and its contribution to healthcare.
- Review of HSST curricula/workplace-based assessments



4 Membership

The Committee is a multi-disciplinary committee whose members¹ are senior healthcare scientists from each of the disciplines of pathology, who will usually be members of the respective SAC. Membership shall comprise of the following:

- Chair
- Specialty members
- Trainee representatives
- Chair of associated College SACs (if applicable)
- Honorary officer representation (ex officio). Officers are all ex-officio members of committees and should be included in any item that requires a vote.
- Co-opted external representation dependent on the Committee. Each Committee will recommend organisations they should be collaborating with for the approval by the Governance Committee or Council.

**Appendix 1- attached is a complete list of named members currently on the committee.*

The Royal College of Pathologists understands the value and strength that diversity brings and we are proud to be an organisation of members from a wide range of backgrounds. We are keen to encourage and enable more people of all identities and from all backgrounds to become involved in the College.

5 Meetings

- Two meetings per year should normally be held, with quoracy being three members
- Discussion and decision via email or other electronic means is encouraged outside of formal meetings
- Administration for meetings will be provided by a member of RCPATH Corporate Services team
- Agendas and papers will be circulated at least one week before each meeting
- Minutes will be made available on the College website, with access restricted to College members only via myrcpath

6 Resources

- Travelling expenses will be paid to members (but not observers) of the committee in line with the College's expenses policy. The expenses policy is available on the website. Claims should be made through the College's on-line finance system.

Terms of Reference agreed at Committee meeting _____

Chair of Committee _____

Signed _____

Approved at College Council meeting _____

Review date (3 years following Council approval) _____

Chair	Dr Lisa Ayers
Specialty members	<p>Dr Kirsty Dodgson, Medical Microbiology representative</p> <p>Professor Rowland Fleck, Ultrastructural Pathology</p> <p>Dr Jason Kasraie Genomics and Reproductive Science SAC representative</p> <p>Dr Anthony Rowbottom, Immunology SAC representative</p> <p>Dr Kate Templeton, Virology SAC representative</p> <p>Dr Deborah Pritchard, Histocompatibility & Immunogenetics SAC representative</p> <p>Dr Adrian Heaps – Immunology SAC representative</p> <p>Dr Shruthi Narayan - Transfusion Medicine SAC</p> <p>Vacant - Intercollegiate Committee on Haematology</p> <p>Vacant – Genomics and Reproductive Science SAC (representation for Genomics)</p>
Trainee representative	Dr Daniel Lock Deputy Trainee representative
Chair of associated College SACs (if applicable)	
Honorary officer representation (ex officio). Officers are all ex-officio members of committees and should be included in any item that requires a vote	Dr Angharad Davies, Vice President (Learning)
Co-opted external representation dependent on the Committee. Each Committee will recommend organisations they should be collaborating with for the approval by the Governance Committee or Council	<p>Dr Katharine Hayden, ACB President Elect</p> <p>Dr Graham Lee, Association of Clinical Biochemists of Ireland</p> <p>Heads of Profession:</p> <p>Ms Angela Douglas, Deputy Chief Scientific Officer</p> <p>Professor John Geen, NHS Wales</p> <p>Dr Catherine Ross Chief Healthcare Science Officer (Scotland)</p> <p>Dr Rob Orford, Chief Scientific Advisor (Health) Wales</p> <p>Dr Delia Ripley, Deputy Chief Scientific Adviser (Health) Wales</p> <p>Professor Ian Young, Chief Scientific Officer (Northern Ireland)</p>
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