

British Society for Rheumatology

MDT Advisory Council Member role description

Responsible to:	President
Term of office:	Three years from the date of the AGM in the year of appointment
Commitment:	Average of one to two days per month

British Society for Rheumatology (BSR)

We are the UK's leading specialist medical society for rheumatology and musculoskeletal professionals. We support our members throughout their careers, allowing them to progress, collaborate and innovate so they can deliver the best care for their patients, improving the lives of children and adults with rheumatic and musculoskeletal disease.

Purpose of the MDT Advisory Council

BSR Council was established by the Board of Trustees to advise on issues across the multi-disciplinary team in paediatric, adolescent and adult rheumatology. It is key in sharing local developments and identifying how BSR can effectively support members, alongside a means for BSR to share information for wider dissemination.

Following a recent restructure, the Council has a number of newly created roles to increase representation of the whole MDT. Each region will have three representatives with different clinical backgrounds, bringing together nurses, allied health professionals and doctors from across the UK working in paediatric, adolescent and adult rheumatology.

Main responsibilities

Working together with the President:

- To organise activities to support the dissemination of best practice and key information about the development of rheumatology services
- To organise and, where appropriate, chair regional and devolved nation meetings
- To facilitate feedback from members to BSR via Council meetings or other means
- To collate a programme of regional activities for the year and report on those to Council, including on areas such as training and education
- To enhance member engagement and promote the interests of BSR
- To forge links with other regional bodies where appropriate to support policy and lobbying activities.

Person Specification

You should be able to demonstrate and provide evidence of the criteria listed within your written application:

- Understanding of workforce, professional, organisational standards, and healthcare policy issues across the MDT
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work constructively with others
- Sound, independent judgement and the ability to think creatively
- Strong intellectual and analytical ability
- An understanding of, and commitment to, the values of accountability, probity and openness
- A willingness to undertake training as might be required, and a willingness to devote the time and effort required to effectively discharge the duties of this role.

Council members will also need from time to time to:

- Attend events on behalf of BSR
- Be available by email or occasionally telephone between meetings for advice and to make decisions

- Be available for other ad hoc requirements.

Inclusion and diversity statement

BSR is committed to encouraging inclusion, equality and diversity across our governing bodies and workforce, and eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation by complying with the Equality Act 2010.

We want a working environment free of all of the above, where individual differences and the contributions of all committee members and staff are recognised and valued. To do this, we will proactively tackle discrimination and disadvantage and ensure that no individual or group is directly or indirectly discriminated against for any reason.

We expect all Trustees, Committee Members and BSR employees to champion and live our values through their work at every opportunity. Our values are:

- Leadership - we drive excellence in rheumatology care
- Collaboration - we listen, we learn, we improve
- Openness - we are inclusive and accessible
- Celebratory - we support and celebrate success

Time commitment

- The committee shall meet three to four times per year
- Teleconference or virtual meetings as necessary

Candidates will be asked to supply the following

- A completed nomination form
- A comprehensive CV including details of your achievements in each role and including details of two referees (who will not be contacted without your prior knowledge or consent)