

Council member, MDT Advisory Council

Role description

About us

British Society for Rheumatology is the leading UK specialist medical society for rheumatology and musculoskeletal care professionals. We support our members to deliver the best care at all stages of the care pathway, improving the lives of children and adults with rheumatic and musculoskeletal disease.

Our vision, mission and values

Vision

People with rheumatic conditions across the lifespan receive the highest quality outcomes and live well.

Mission

To champion the specialty, influencing change and building a thriving community of best practice.

Values

The values which guide our approach are:

- Celebratory – we celebrate the achievements in rheumatology
- Inclusive – we support everyone in the rheumatology community
- Sustainable – we work to reduce the impact of our activities on the environment
- Leading – we use our profile to drive change and support those working in the specialty
- Collaborative – we always seek to work with others to have a greater impact

You can read about our current 5 year strategy here: <https://www.rheumatology.org.uk/about-bsr/vision-mission-and-values>

Who might be interested in this opportunity

Consultants, nurses, allied health professionals (AHPs) pharmacists, psychologists, physician associates working in paediatric, adolescent and/or adult rheumatology, who reside in one of our seven English regions or the devolved nations can apply for this role. This is a great role for someone looking to expand their networks. You don't need to have previous experience committee experience, as we'll provide a full induction, and we have experienced members on Council.

BSR is committed to encouraging inclusion, equality and diversity. We are actively trying to increase the diversity of our staff team and volunteer roles. We try to reduce as many barriers as we can for those with a disability, which you can find out more about [here](#). We welcome approaches from individuals from underrepresented groups, including those from minoritised communities and those with a disability, to better reflect the community we serve and help broaden our perspectives.

Purpose of the role

The MDT Advisory 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 in amongst the national rheumatology community.

Main responsibilities of the role

- Facilitate feedback from local area to BSR via Council meetings or other means
- Disseminate key information shared by BSR regularly
- Share dates of local rheumatology meetings and, where appropriate present or share opportunities to promote BSR activities
- Forge links with other regional groups where appropriate to support policy and lobbying activities

Time commitment

We expect volunteering in this role to take approximately 1-2 days per month, split over a range of duties including:

- Liaising with local contacts and collating feedback in preparation of Council meeting (three times a year)
- Preparing for Council meetings (reading pack and sending any queries in advance)
- Attending Council meetings three times a year (two online, one in person – each meeting lasts 3 hours)
- Disseminating regular updates shared every 6-8 weeks

You may also be invited, from time to time, to:

- Attend events and other meetings on behalf of BSR
- Attend training relevant to your role

Job sharing is also available with this post.

Induction, training and support

- A comprehensive induction is provided for all new Council and includes induction with the President and Vice-Presidents, local inductions with Council members and trainee representatives, committee handbook, and detailed overview of how Council works.
- Council members are supported by the Committee Manager, Senior Management Team, Chair of Trustees and Vice-Presidents

Term of office

The role term is 3 years, with the possibility of extension for a further 3 years.

This is a voluntary role; any expenses are paid in line with our Committee expenses policy.

Person specification

1. Must be a current voting member of BSR and working in a clinical role in adult, paediatric and/or adolescent rheumatology
2. Must reside in the UK
3. A commitment to BSR, it's charitable objectives and values
4. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills with the ability to develop effective working relationships with local Council representatives, BSR colleagues and staff
5. A willingness to devote necessary time and effort to the Council role