

Research and Registers Committee Chair

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

To be our new Registers and Research Committee Chair, you'll need experience in clinical and/or health services research (with a track record of peer-reviewed publication), understanding of patient registries or large cohort studies, and an interest in advances in data collection and usage across the NHS and academic sectors.,and. This would be an exciting role for someone looking for an opportunity to support BSR to develop an innovative and sustainable future for the BSR registers and research programme.

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 Chair's role is to lead and facilitate the Registers and Research Committee to achieve their responsibilities for the strategic direction of the BSR registers and research programme. The Committee ensures all registers and research activity maintains coherence and relevance to BSRs strategic aims and continues to advance rheumatological practice, quality and science. The Registers and Research Committee is directly accountable to the BSR Board of Trustees and will regularly report to the Board on the overall progress of the committee's work. The Chair acts as the main link between the Committee, the Board of Trustees, and BSR staff.

Main responsibilities of the role

- To chair the Registers and Research Committee meetings
- To be actively involved in the strategic development of the BSR Registers Research programme
- To attend Board of Trustees meetings as invited/ to provide written updates as requested to report on overall progress of the committee's work
- To act as the main link between the Committee, the Board of Trustees, and BSR staff.
- To support the Committee to carry out their responsibilities to:

- Oversee the external running and maintenance of the BSR Biologics and Biosimilars Registers
- To discuss the development and long-term future of the BSR Biologics and Biosimilars Registers and any potential for expansion of existing or new studies
- Oversee the BSR research programme to ensure that it remains responsive to advances or gaps in rheumatological research and the needs of BSR members
- Receive and adjudicate any requests from third parties for data derived from BSR led or funded projects
- Receive and approve drafts of publications and presentations using BSR data.

Time commitment

We expect volunteering in this role to take approximately 1-2 days per month. This will include:

- Registers and Research Committee meets three times a year. Meetings usually last for 3 hours
- Attendance at BSR's Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Meeting with the Director of Practice and Quality and the Head of Registers and Research on a monthly basis.

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
- Be available between board meetings for advice and to make decisions via email
- Be available for other ad hoc requirements

Induction, training and support

- BSR has a registers and research team who carry out all day-to-day functions. The new Research and Registers Chair will have support from this team, and from the Director of Practice and Quality and Head of Registers and Research both during their induction period and throughout their term in office. Support is also provided by the CEO and the Chair of Trustees.
- A comprehensive induction is provided for all new volunteers
- New Registers and Research committee members are also provided with a handbook

Term of office

The role term is 3 years.

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

Person specification

1. Experience of patient safety and safeguarding
2. Experience in research, registries and/or publications
3. Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work constructively with others
4. Integrity, sound independent judgment
5. Ability to think and apply knowledge strategically
6. Willingness to listen and learn to make effective decisions
7. A commitment to BSR, its charitable objectives and values
8. Experience of effective oversight of finances, budgets, and contract management
9. Confident and effective communication skills with a range of audiences
10. 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.