

Trainee Committee, Committee member

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

Current rheumatology trainee's representing the paediatric, adolescent and adult rheumatology community and residing 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 committee experience, as we'll provide a full induction, and we have experienced members on the Trainee Committee.

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 Trainee Committee is responsible for advising the Society on matters relevant to Trainees in respect of education, training, workforce issues, research, and professional and organisational standards. It is responsible for ensuring that the work of the Society fully reflects the needs and views of members who are doctors, nurses, AHP, pharmacists, psychologists in training.

There is a planned review of this committee early 2024. Any changes will take effect from June 2024 and committee members will be notified of any changes that might affect them.

Main responsibilities of the role

- Advise the Society on matters from the perspective of all specialist trainees including on education and training, workforce issues, research, and professional standards.
- Main channel through which the society can receive the views of trainee members and
- through which the society send information locally
- Have a pivotal role in communication and linking together a wide range of activities in the

relevant BSR region/Devolved Nation.

- Ensure trainee input from both adult and paediatric rheumatology is included in the Society's work to improve the care of people with rheumatology and musculoskeletal diseases – including treatment, therapy and procedures, appropriate standards of care and resources, and education and research requirements.
- Ensure input from specialist nurse and all AHP roles is included so the Society can work to develop improved training pathways for these professions.
- Give input to and receive feedback from the trainee representative on the RCP [Rheumatology Specialist Advisory Committee](#)
- Be the main channel through which the Society can receive the views of all specialist trainee members and through which the Society can disseminate information to trainees including those who are not yet members.
- Participate in all BSR working committees including Education, Heberden, SAG, Research and Registers and Clinical Affairs.

Time commitment

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

- Preparing for Trainee Committee meetings (reading pack and sending any queries in advance)
- Attending Trainee Committee meetings twice a year (online– each meeting lasts 3 hours)
- Attending Annual General meeting
- Co-option on to another committee for representation where relevant/required (optional)

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 trainee committee members and includes induction with the Chair and Events and Education Manager.
- Trainee representatives receive a committee handbook, and detailed overview of how the Committee works.
- Trainee Committee members are supported by the Director of Education, Events and Marketing, Head of Education, Committee Manager and Senior Management Team.

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. Understanding of the needs of trainees from various professional backgrounds in respect to education and training
2. Understanding of MDT workforce issues, professional and organisational standards
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 representatives, BSR colleagues and staff
5. A willingness to devote necessary time and effort to the Trainee Committee role