

# Honorary Secretary Elect

**Damian Kelly**

***Supporting Statement:***

Thank you for reading my statement. I hope to gain your support to become Honorary Secretary elect of the British Cardiovascular Society.

The British Cardiovascular society is the voice of UK cardiology. I'm an unashamed enthusiast for medicine, cardiology, and the BCS.

Our society should be inclusive and attentive to the needs of its membership. As a member of the Guidelines and Practice committee I have seen at first hand how effectively our members can shape policy and promote clinical excellence. It is important that wide consensus is sought regarding issues which affect members' clinical practice.

Cardiologists-in-training are the future of our society. I am keen that we continue to develop educational, mentoring and leadership opportunities. We should inspire as many trainee cardiologists as possible to become associate British Junior Cardiologists' Association members, and encourage every new consultant cardiologist to become a member of the society.

Clinical workload at all levels continues to increase. The BCS must continue to highlight the importance of specialist cardiology and clinical research, defend our unique clinical identity and improve access to sub-speciality training. In the future we will need both adequate numbers of highly trained sub-specialists and increased flexibility to encourage retention of experienced late-career consultants.

To do all this and more we need a vibrant and growing membership.

I work as a general and interventional cardiologist in a large non-surgical centre. I live in Derbyshire with my wife (a colorectal surgeon), three children and several other animals.

My relevant experience is as follows: co-opted BCS Council representative (Non-Surgical Centre 2024-); BCS Guideline and Practice committee (2020-2024); BCIS AHP working group (2017-2021); BCIS ACS Research group (2022-); BCIS Interventional trainees' course co-director (2025); Cardiology lead for Derbyshire ICS (2021-2024); Clinical director for specialist medicine (2018-2022) and Clinical lead for Cardiology (2015-2018) University Hospitals of Derby and Burton; Past Secretary of British Junior Cardiologists' Association.

If elected I will uphold the highest standards of clinical cardiology and faithfully represent the interests of members and our patients.

It would be a great privilege to serve as Honorary Secretary elect, support fellow BCS members and promote UK cardiology.