



# British Cardiovascular Society

*'The Voice of UK Cardiology'*

## **BCS Position on Canvassing for BCS Elections**

It is essential that the BCS elections process is conducted fairly. The BCS supports and encourages applicants, or their supporters, to signpost the BCS elections website and the elections process to voters. Candidates may reference their own Election Statement, CV (if applicable), and the role they have applied for when signposting the BCS elections website via their own communication channels. Supporters may reference the Election Statements, CV (if applicable), and role applied for by others via their own communication channels.

However, candidates and/or supporters may not engage in 'vote-for-me'-style canvassing; a candidate breaching this may be disqualified from the election.

- The Election Panel reserves the right to determine whether or not a candidate has engaged in 'vote-for-me'-style canvassing, or has not acted in line with BCS values, and to take appropriate steps.
- The decision of the Election Panel on all matters relating to canvassing shall be final and binding on all candidates.

Signposting activities of candidates and/or their supporters are subject to the following restrictions:

- They may not use BCS committee meetings to signpost.
- They may not use BCS premises to hold a meeting as part of their canvassing.
- They must not make any additional financial outlay when standing as a candidate.
- They must not use or attempt to use BCS social media accounts, BCS email accounts or BCS mailing lists.
- They must not pay anyone to act for them.
- They must not make any adverse personal comments about other candidates.
- They must not request support from any member of BCS staff.