

Education Committee

Responsible Trustees

Vice President for Education (TBC), Education Committee Chair (Dr Jennifer Rossington)

Role Description

Context

The British Cardiovascular Society (BCS) is a membership organisation with charitable status. The BCS is the voice for all those working in cardiovascular care and research in the UK; we aim to represent and support both the professionals who work in cardiology and the patients for whom we want to encourage the best possible treatment. Our mission includes enhancing and maintaining the highest standards in training, education and research for the benefit of patients and to be the primary source of professional advice and advocacy in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

The Education Committee acts as an advisory body to the BCS's Executive and the Board of Trustees, making recommendations, reports and proposals to the Executive Committee and the Board concerning the educational aspects of BCS activities, courses portfolio and future plans, including engagement with the international market. The Committee provides and develops educational programmes to meet the needs of members of the BCS, trainees, trained cardiologists, allied health professionals, and other professional groups, whilst ensuring that these are financially viable. It ensures appropriate and innovative modes and methods of programme delivery to meet the needs of stakeholders and maximise their uptake.

The Committee works closely with other committees and functions across the BCS, including the Digital and IT Committee, the Professional and Society Values Committee (on matters of equality, diversity and inclusion), the Programme Committee (to facilitate development and delivery of education content of the annual BCS conference) and the Communications and Marketing function. The Committee is expected to synthesise data on delegate numbers, timing of courses, and pricing policy, and therefore to have oversight of the financial information pertaining to education.

Elected Committee members are expected to attend Committee meetings and actively engage in the Committee's work between meetings, leading on courses and related educational activities and other initiatives as directed by the Chair and Vice President.



Frequency of meetings

The Education Committee meets quarterly (minimum 75% attendance is required), with 'Education Lite' one-hour meetings in the intervening months via Teams (with occasional face to face meetings when circumstances permit), and elected members serve a term of three years.

Committee members who do not actively engage may be demitted to allow other interested candidates

to take their place.

Reporting

Education Committee members report to the Chair of the Education Committee. The Chair of the Education Committee reports to the VP for Education, with the VP reporting to the Operational Executive Committee (for operational matters) and to the Board of Trustees (which sets and approves strategy).

Eligibility

To stand for elected posts on the BCS Education Committee, applicants must be Ordinary or Affiliate Members of the BCS.

Term

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