



Faculty of Physician Associates (FPA) Devolved Nations Committee member

Role context

The [FPA](#), as part of the RCP, is the professional membership body for physician associates (PAs) and student PAs across the UK. We are committed to providing professional support and educational opportunities to our members, campaigning for progress and change on behalf of the profession and representing the voices of PAs at national level as the profession continues to grow. Raising awareness of the wide remit of the PA role and its contribution to patient care is also an important work stream for the FPA.

The FPA reviews and sets standards for:

- the education and training of PAs
- the PA National Examination and Recertification exam.

The faculty board is responsible for ensuring that the FPA fulfils its commitments as outlined above and as exercised within the governance framework of the Royal College of Physicians (RCP). It is important that the FPA represents PAs across all four nations of the UK. The Devolved Nations Committee is therefore integral to ensuring appropriate representation and enhancing communication.

Specific duties

It is expected that as a FPA Devolved Nations Committee member, elected by the PA members of the faculty, you will:

- be willing to provide comment and recommendations on agenda items in all aspects relating to PAs
- engage with the FPA membership on matters within its remit whilst representing the views of the RCP, ie at conferences, in meetings and on social media – this list is not exhaustive
- contribute to the development and implementation of the FPA strategy via supporting the FPA committees and ad hoc work streams
- be actively responsive to any pieces of work or documents that are circulated by the faculty for consultation within the allocated timeframe
- feed into the FPA Board via a nominated FPA representative.

Time commitment

The Devolved Nations Committee will meet at least three times a year. These meetings will be held virtually via MS Teams; however, on site meetings may be required in future. There is an expectation that members will attend *all* Devolved Nations Committee meetings in so far as possible, either virtually or in person.

As a Devolved Nations Committee member, you will also be required to spend time outside of the regular committee meetings to attend relevant meetings and engagements related to allocated work streams and take work forward.

Financial aspects

Candidates for the role of Devolved Nations Committee member should be aware that this post is not remunerated, and it is the duty of the candidate to obtain advance agreement from their employing authority that they will be given time to attend committee meetings and perform any ad hoc duties. Members can claim reimbursement for travel expenses to meetings in line with the FPA expenses policy, however it is anticipated that most meetings will be virtual.

Term of office

A maximum of 4 calendar years as per the bye-laws of the FPA/RCP.

Role requirements

Essential:

- candidates must be members of the faculty and in good standing and elected by the PA members of the faculty.*
- candidates do not hold another position on the faculty board
- candidates represent one of the devolved nations of the UK.

Desirable:

- can convey a clear understanding of the mission of the FPA.
- can demonstrate they have considered how to disseminate information and enhance communication with FPA members across devolved nation.

*A member's seat on the board will be vacated if:

- as a member of the faculty, the board member ceases to be in good standing
- the committee member chooses to resign from the Devolved Nations Committee
- without good cause, the committee member fails to attend three consecutive meetings
- criteria for election as a board member is no longer fulfilled.

Our values

The FPA is a part of a wider organisation, with the RCP core values being integral to the way that the FPA functions.

The RCP is committed to **taking care, learning and being collaborative.**

These values drive the way we behave, how we interact with each other, and how we work together to achieve our vision and improve patient care.



We value taking care

This means we behave respectfully towards people, whatever their role, position, gender or background. It means we act as representatives of the RCP, and take decisions in the interests of the organisation as a whole.

We value learning

This means we continuously improve through active learning and honest reflection, so that we grow personally and as an organisation, while striving for excellence. We support learning and development opportunities.

We value being collaborative

This means we work together towards the RCP's vision in a collaborative and professional way, understanding that individuals bring different strengths and approaches to our work. We value diversity and each other's contributions.

All FPA officers and board members are viewed to have the same collective responsibilities as other RCP officers and committee members, and therefore are expected to abide by the [RCP500 Code of Conduct](#) and its standards.

The Royal College of Physicians welcomes and actively seeks to recruit people to its activities regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. The RCP aims to reflect the diversity of its members in all its committees, senior roles and staff in general.

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