



Royal College of Anaesthetists

## **Role Description - Environmental Advisors (EA) to the Royal College of Anaesthetists (1) Anaesthetist in Training (2) Consultant / SAS**

Applications are invited for these unremunerated voluntary positions of Environmental Advisors. The posts are for an initial term of 3 years extended if appropriate for a further 3 years.

### **Line of reporting**

The EAs will report to the Council Member with responsibility for sustainability, currently Dr Helgi Johannsson. The staff contact for this advisory role will be Mr Mark Blaney, Director of Finance & Resources. It is anticipated that the responsibilities of the role will be shared between the two post-holders.

### **Description of the post**

Living as we are at a crucial point in planetary health, the role and responsibilities will change in light of national and international initiatives. Sitting as a link between the RCoA and the wider profession and healthcare environment, the incumbents will need to keep up to date with aspects of environmental sustainability and their impact on the practice of anaesthesia.

The incumbents will need to liaise with internal College groups, as well as representing the College on external committees and organisations, and directly with anaesthetists through available communication channels. Specifically:

#### Internal College Representation

The role involves collaboration and representation across all aspects of the specialty, including but not limited to:

- the curriculum committee to ensure that environmental sustainability is embedded within the 2021 curriculum and future updates
- examiners and the Examination Committee to ensure environmental sustainability is incorporated within the exam syllabus, questions and other materials
- those responsible for e-Learning for Health and the refreshing of current content and the development of additional e-learning packages
- the GPAS Committee to maintain contemporary documentation for the RCoA's Sustainability Strategy and Guidelines for the Provision of Anaesthetic Services (GPAS), which will periodically require editorial update
- the ACSA Committee to ensure that ACSA addresses the environmental impact of practice

#### Communications with anaesthetists / College members

- With individual anaesthetic departments, keen to make a difference to their environmental credentials via the communication channels of the College, such as Bulletin articles, blogs, and contributing to the development of the [Environment and Sustainability section](#) of the College's website

#### External Representation and Liaison

The role entails liaison with other organisations and individuals committed to environmental sustainability and includes:

- o The Association of Anaesthetists Environmental Committee – attending the committee when deputising for the Trustee Lead in their absence
- o Association of Anaesthetists Fellow in Sustainable Anaesthesia
- o The Greener NHS Campaign ( [www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/](http://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/) )
- o NHSEI Anaesthetic Medicines Working Group
- o The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare
- o The UK Health Alliance for Climate Change (UKHACC) The incumbents will represent in rotation the College at UKHACC Council meetings

## **Background information for potential future development**

### Industry

Working with industry to improve the environmental impact of anaesthetic machines and disposables.

### International Collaboration

Working with other international anaesthetic bodies to co-ordinate minimising the impact of anaesthesia on the environment.

## **Resources and budget**

- The present incumbent has accrued many resources and produced multiple presentations of which the new incumbent is free to access
- Travel and subsistence for attending any committee meetings will be paid. There is a move towards more virtual meetings where possible.
- Budget – to be considered

## **Person specification**

Essential:

- A member in good standing of the College or its Faculties
- Demonstrable interest and enthusiasm for sustainability issues
- Ability to influence stakeholder practice and / or policy
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Strong leadership, interpersonal and organisational skill
- A track record of quality improvement work, campaign work, or project management, particularly in the field of sustainability

Essential	application	interview
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Demonstrable interest and enthusiasm for sustainability issues	√	√
Excellent oral and written communication skills	√	√
Strong leadership, interpersonal and organisational skills	√	
Desirable	Application	Interview
Publications or presentations relevant to the role	√	
Evidence of having influenced specialty / organisational / departmental policy on sustainability	√	√
Ability to influence stakeholder practice and / or policy	√	