

Representation on the RCoA Welsh Board / National Specialist Advisory Group:

The Royal College of Anaesthetists' Welsh Board promotes high standards of training and practice of anaesthesia, intensive care and pain medicine. It maintains a cohesive and consistent approach to all aspects of core college business across the UK, while acknowledging and ensuring active engagement in interacting with the increasingly divergent healthcare system in Wales. It allows representation of membership views directly to College Council, HEIW and to the Chief Medical Officer for Wales.

The Welsh Board is now looking to recruit to 9 health board positions following agreement from council for expansion. The changes aim to increase visibility and voice of peripheral hospitals to ensure the Board represents the diversity of anaesthetic services across Wales. Health board representation has changed to include Consultant, Specialist Grade, Staff Grade and Associate Specialist members looking to fill the vacancies, being Fellows or Members in good standing working in the health boards / hospitals in Wales.

Aneurin Bevan, Cardiff & Vale and Swansea Bay University Health Boards will have one representative from each health board as they function as single units. Betsi Cadwaladr, Cwm Taf Morgannwg and Hywel Dda will have separate representation from 3 hospitals each. The representatives must be registered with the GMC and be a Fellow in good standing of the Royal College of Anaesthetists.

An election for representation will take place when more than one representative wishes to stand. Nominations should be submitted via the College's online webform and eligibility checks will be carried out by the College's membership engagement team. Candidates will provide a short statement of intent (200 word max) which will be circulated to all Consultant, Specialist Grade, Staff Grade and Associate Specialist members in the relevant anaesthetic department. Polling will be conducted by the College.

Positions which need filling for an initial 3 years are:

- ⇒ Withybush Hospital
- ⇒ Bronglais Hospital
- ⇒ Prince Charles Hospital
- ⇒ Royal Glamorgan Hospital
- ⇒ Wrexham Maelor Hospital
- ⇒ Glan Clwyd Hospital
- ⇒ Ysbyty Gwynedd
- ⇒ Cardiff & Vale UHB
- ⇒ Swansea Bay UHB

If you want to make a difference and highlight local issues to the College and Welsh Government please submit a nomination via the College's webform which can be found [here](#). If you have any questions please forward them on to elections@rcoa.ac.uk.

The Role:

The Welsh Anaesthesia Board meets twice a year, once virtually and once face to face. Representatives are expected to submit a short report ahead of each meeting highlighting local issues. During the meeting there will be time for representatives to present some of those issues for discussion. Representatives may be asked to take on specific tasks on behalf of the Board as needed. There is a requirement for 6 representatives to be in attendance at every meeting to ensure the Board is quorate.

Eligibility criteria:

- Fellow or Member of the GMC and Royal College of Anaesthetists in good standing
- A Consultant, Specialist, Associate Specialist, or Staff Grade members working in the hospital or Health Board
- Support from the Department to allow time to prepare and attend meetings.

Timetable and how to stand for election:

- **29 November 2022: Nominations open**
- **5 January 2023: Nominations close at 12 noon.** An election for representation will take place when nominations have been checked for eligibility and where more than one representative wishes to stand.
- **16 January 2023: Ballot begins.** All those eligible to vote will be invited to do so by email.
- **8 February 2023: Close of ballot.** Electronic voting will be closed at 12 noon. The election results will be declared via the College website as soon as possible following the ballot count and ratification.

All candidates are requested to hold the next Welsh Board meeting date in their diaries

- Wednesday 29 March 2023 – in person meeting, start time provisionally 10:00 – 13:00
- October 2023, format and date TBC