

# Chair of PatientsVoices@RCoA

Application pack  
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"PatientsVoices@RCoA is a group of diverse people who support, advise and influence the College by providing patients' perspectives on its activities."

## About the Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA)

The College is the professional body responsible for the specialty of anaesthesia, pain and intensive care throughout the UK. It is the third largest medical royal college in the UK by membership. With a combined membership of more than 24,000 fellows and members, it ensures the quality of patient care by setting standards for training and clinical practice. More information about the RCoA is available here: [www.rcoa.ac.uk/](http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/).

The College also hosts the Centre for Perioperative Care. Perioperative care refers to the care that a patient receive throughout the surgical journey, from the moment they are referred for surgery to the moment they are back home recovering.

## About PatientsVoices@RCoA

PatientsVoices@RCoA helps the College improve the delivery of safe, more effective, patient-centred care to enhance patients' experience of anaesthesia and perioperative care.

PatientsVoices@RCoA members are invited, as individuals or as part of a group, to get involved in a wide range of College activities, for example:

- they ensure the voice of patients is clearly heard across the College
- they input and collaborate with the College's various committees and boards. In some cases, they hold a permanent seat on the committee or board
- they advise on, review and provide input into the production of the College's patient information resources
- they form part of the review team to assess hospitals undergoing accreditation, advocating for the patient view. Training will be provided
- they regularly contribute articles to the *Bulletin* and other College publications
- they are invited to contribute to the production of College guidelines and standards
- they contribute to the College's responses to consultations published by external professional bodies
- they support the College's research projects
- they provide input into College examinations and contribute to question setting, with a particular emphasis on doctor/patient communication
- they are invited to speak at College events and online talks to ensure the patient perspective is considered
- they help design and judge the PatientsVoices@RCoA awards
- they engage with and support activities of the Faculty of Pain Medicine and the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine.

More information on PatientsVoices@RCoA and its work is available at:

<https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/patients/patient-public-involvement/patientsvoicesrcoa>

## About the role

Through the work of PatientsVoices@RCoA, you will be able to influence the College's work focusing on improving patients' care and their experience of anaesthesia, perioperative care, intensive care and pain medicine.

You will have the opportunity to work alongside senior doctors, other health care professionals, other patient representatives and College staff to make sure the voice of patients is heard throughout the work of the College.

You will be contributing to the development of the new College strategy and new PatientsVoices@RCoA strategy. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to work with a diverse group of volunteers to help us deliver on the vision and aims of the strategies and encourage the group to work and behave in line with the values contained in them.

The role is supported by the Patient and Public Involvement Manager, with whom you will work closely. PatientsVoices@RCoA sits within the Patient and Public Involvement function in the Clinical Quality and Research Directorate.

The role is voluntary and unpaid but reasonable expenses will be paid in line with College policy. The College also offers a £100 yearly contribution towards the cost of IT equipment and consumables needed to carry out the role. The term of office for this role is three years, with the option to do a second term following review after the first term.

As Chair of PatientsVoices@RCoA you will:

- champion the work of the group and raise the profile of the patient voice across the College
- encourage participation and engagement within the group
- work with College staff and Committee Chairs to deliver impactful patient engagement where most needed
- be an ambassador with external partners and stakeholder organisations
- chair the meetings of PatientsVoices@RCoA three times a year and the away day once a year
- be co-opted to College Council and report to Council on behalf of PatientsVoices@RCoA
- attend and report to the Clinical Quality and Research Board on behalf of PatientsVoices@RCoA
- represent PatientsVoices@RCoA at the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges' Patient Liaison Group

## About you

As Chair of PatientsVoices@RCoA you will have:

- experience of leading a group and working with a diverse range of people and views

- experience of chairing committees and meetings and leading discussions so that every voice is heard
- a collaborative mindset and the ability to build positive relationships with a variety of stakeholders
- strong leadership, interpersonal and organisational skills
- passion about strengthening the patient voice in the work of the College
- excellent communication skills (verbal and written)
- the ability to use basic IT systems (e.g. email, Word, Teams etc.)
- the ability to commit an average of four days per month to the role
- flexibility and responsiveness to a varied workload and schedule

You cannot join PatientsVoices@RCOA if you hold an anaesthetic qualification or if you are currently working, practising, or managing services (including policy-making) in health care. A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check may be required for some College activities. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, or if you would like to discuss the role with someone, please email [patientsvoices@rcoa.ac.uk](mailto:patientsvoices@rcoa.ac.uk).

## **How to apply**

Please apply through our website (<https://rcoa.ac.uk/about-us/work-for-us/current-vacancies>) by 10 April 2026 using the form provided (click 'Apply'). Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview. Interviews will take place on Teams on 24 and 28 April 2026.