

Chair, Paediatric Subcommittee – Volunteer Opportunity

About Us

The Royal College of Ophthalmologists is the only membership body for ophthalmologists, representing the profession in the development of standards and the workforce. We have more than 4,000 members that include ophthalmologists in training, consultants, SAS doctors and other professions such as ophthalmic nurses, orthoptists and optometrists.

The College has 4 Strategic Aims:

- Drive excellence and best practice in all aspects of ophthalmology
- Realise change through our leadership voice
- Support learning and development across the specialty
- Build a thriving and sustainable community in and around the College

We welcome all members from diverse backgrounds, age, gender orientation and experiences. As an inclusive organisation, we encourage diversity and equal access to opportunities to take up roles and lead in the work of the College.

By volunteering with the College, you can actively contribute to the work we do in developing policy and standards to safeguard patient care and a sustainable workforce. As well, you will have the unique opportunity to work with colleagues and staff with a wide range of experience and knowledge, learn management and leadership skills and develop a varied and mutually beneficial network in the UK and internationally.

We hope you can join us!

Name of position: Chair

Start date: 01/12/2024

Term: Three years (renewable for a further three years)

Time commitment: 10 days per year

Number of vacancies: 1

Meetings: 3 Sub-committee meetings (virtual)

3 Quality and Standards Committee meetings (2 virtual, 1 in person at RCOphth)

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About the position

The chair provides leadership to the Paediatric Subcommittee in achieving its remit to advise and support to the College and members on all matters related to paediatric ophthalmology and to promote safe high quality paediatric ophthalmology services in the UK. The Subcommittee is inclusive and multidisciplinary with representation from the College of Optometrists, BIOS, RNIB, RCPCH, and the Lay Advisory Group. Key activities include: Setting standards and reviewing and updating national guidelines pertaining to paediatric ophthalmology. Placing the needs and requirements of paediatric ophthalmology at the forefront of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists' strategic objectives for training, quality standards and research and academic excellence; contributing to and shaping other agencies such as patient support groups and sharing this with the wider College membership and committees.

Criteria for position

- Fellow, Member or Affiliate



- UK based ophthalmologist with substantial paediatric ophthalmology commitment as a mandatory requirement.
- Experience of working in multidisciplinary committees and in leadership roles desirable

Benefits

As Chair, you will lead a dynamic, multidisciplinary group of like-minded, fellow professionals and leaders from paediatric ophthalmology, orthoptics, optometry, paediatrics, visual impairment sector, and other national bodies. The role provides a unique opportunity to work with College Officers to enable you to set an agenda and workplan that can have a far-reaching influence on the National Health Service, Government, other professional bodies and the third sector as well as influencing the Royal College standards and strategy. Additionally, you can influence and be part of national guideline development. The Chair of paediatric subcommittee also becomes co-opted into the BIPOSA executive.

How to apply

To apply for this exciting opportunity, please complete the [volunteer application form](#) including your CV. Please feel free to email Anitta Yoppan Anitta.yoppan@rcophth.ac.uk if you have any questions.

All eligible individuals will be contacted via email. Eligible individuals will be asked to attend an online interview with a selection panel.