

ASGBI Representative on the Council of The Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCSEng) JOB DESCRIPTION

Background

The Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (ASGBI) invites applications from suitably experienced Fellows to serve as its Representative on the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCSEng).

The RCSEng Council includes representatives from the ten Surgical Specialty Associations defined by the Surgical Advisory Committee (SAC) and represented within the Federation of Surgical Specialty Associations (FSSA). The ASGBI Representative provides a vital link between General Surgery, ASGBI leadership, and the strategic direction of the Royal College.

This role plays a key part in representing the views, priorities, and policy positions of ASGBI and General Surgery at national level, while ensuring that developments and strategic decisions within RCSEng are communicated back effectively to the ASGBI Executive Board and Council.

Appointment

Where more than one eligible application is received, the appointment will be made by election following a vote of the ASGBI membership. Where only one eligible applicant is identified, appointment will be made by interview with the ASGBI Executive Board.

Term of Office

The appointment is for a four-year term, with the option to reapply for a second consecutive term, in line with RCSEng regulations.

Purpose of the Role

The ASGBI Representative on the RCSEng Council will:

- Represent General Surgery and the strategic and policy positions of ASGBI on the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.
- Act as a conduit for information, ensuring effective two-way communication between RCSEng and ASGBI leadership.
- Contribute to the governance, strategic development, and professional standards of surgery at a national level.

Key Responsibilities

- Represent ASGBI and the interests of General Surgery at meetings of the RCSEng Council.
- Contribute actively to RCSEng Council discussions, policy development, and strategic decision-making.
- Communicate relevant RCSEng strategy, policy, and developments to the ASGBI Executive Board and Council.
- Report formally to ASGBI Council and Executive Board on RCSEng matters as required.
- Support alignment between ASGBI and RCSEng strategic priorities where appropriate.
- Uphold the values, professional standards, and reputation of ASGBI in all interactions.
- Declare and manage conflicts of interest in accordance with ASGBI and RCSEng governance requirements.
- Commit to attending meetings of:
 - RCSEng Council
 - ASGBI Council
 - ASGBI Executive Board (as a non-voting observer)

The estimated time commitment is approximately 20 days per year.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be a Fellow (Consultant member) of ASGBI for at least one year prior to the closing date of the vote.
- Be engaged wholly in surgical practice, teaching, or research.
- Have been a voting member of ASGBI Council in at least one of the four years preceding the closing date of the vote.
- Not be a current Trustee of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.
- Not be a Trustee or Council member of any other surgical, medical, or dental Royal College (either at the time of appointment or in the year preceding appointment).
- Be in good professional standing and not subject to ongoing investigation.

The post holder will be eligible to stand for election as RCSEng President, Vice President, or as one of the three Council members on the RCSEng Board of Trustees, subject to College regulations.

Governance and Reporting

Upon appointment, the ASGBI Representative will become:

- A non-voting observer member of the ASGBI Council.
- A non-voting observer member of the ASGBI Executive Board of Directors.

The post holder is expected to comply fully with ASGBI governance arrangements and support the Association's status as a not-for-profit organisation and affiliated charity.



Application process

Each applicant should provide a current CV and prepare a statement of interest (up to one page), detailing why they are an appropriate candidate for the position.

Governance

The Association is a not-for-profit Company limited by guarantee registered in England (No: 06783090) and is Registered for VAT (No: GB944307034). There is also an affiliated incorporated charity, The ASGBI Charity (previously The Surgical Foundation Registered Charity No: 1068016; Company No: 03476019).

Good governance and sound financial management are, therefore, of vital importance, and the Executive Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that the Association meets the requirements of Companies House and the Charity Commission.

ASGBI is committed to an open, transparent and supportive working environment, encouraging a wide, diverse and inclusive dialogue with all members. All those appointed to a leadership position in ASGBI are expected to uphold these values and behaviours.

It is expected that every ASGBI Executive Board member will:

1. Declare conflicts of interest
2. Attend the majority of relevant meetings
3. Represent ASGBI in all their interactions to raise profile and encourage membership

