



Executive Committee Member Elections

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Hello and welcome

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Introduction

RCUK is led by our Chief Executive Officer and Senior Leadership Team on behalf of the Trustees, by whom we're governed. Our seven Trustees are the President, Vice-President, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary, alongside three appointed lay members with a variety of expertise from different professional backgrounds.

Vision

We have set out four goals that we are determined to achieve in partnership with the resuscitation community:

- Comprehensive training is delivered across clinical, care and public settings, based on research and evidence base.
- Cardiac arrest survival matches world leading comparators.
- Everyone affected by cardiac arrest receives appropriate, personalised support.
- We tackle inequalities in resuscitation.

The Executive Committee

You will bring extensive expertise and vision in resuscitation and/or specialist expertise to assist RCUK to further its aims and objectives.

The role

The role of the Executive Committee is to advise the Board of Trustees on their wide experience and expertise in a wide range of settings including (but not limited to) primary care, the ambulance service, emergency and acute hospital medicine, intensive care medicine, anaesthesia, cardiology, the community response following out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and end-of-life care.

Membership of the Executive Committee is a voluntary role within Resuscitation Council UK. The elected members shall have extensive expertise and vision in resuscitation and/or specialist expertise to assist RCUK to further its aims and objectives.

Term of office

Elected members of the Executive Committee shall serve for a period of three years in the first instance and may be elected for one further consecutive term after which they must stand down. They may then be re-elected for a final term after a period of 3 years has elapsed since finishing and shall serve for no more than 9 years in total in any one role.

Who can be elected?

A maximum of 28 seats are available on the Executive Committee, twelve of whom are elected. Elections are normally held each year (unless there are no vacant seats) and a call for applications is extended to all Full Members. If an election process is needed, an external provider is contracted to run the process.

Applicants need to be Full Members of RCUK to stand for election to the RCUK Executive Committee. If you are not yet a Full Member, it's quick and easy to become a Full Member and as long as you are by the time you submit your application, you will be put forward for the election process.

Executive Committee Member

Provide a safe but professional forum for discussion for resuscitation issues and ensure any conflict of interest is declared annually and at meetings when necessary.

General responsibilities

- Act with integrity and abide by Code of Conduct.
- Undertake and promote activities that are in the best interests, and further the objectives of RCUK.
- As far as possible, avoid any conflict of interest (COI) and where a COI does exist, it is managed in line with RCUK COI Policy.
- Provide leadership where change is required as a result of clinical practice or guideline development.
- Deliver the clinical expertise required by the Trustees to enable RCUK to achieve its Mission and Vision.
- Provide expert advice to RCUK about resuscitation matters.
- Provide advice within the member's own area of expertise.
- Participate in the development of Guidelines.
- Participate in the authorship of Quality Standards as appropriate to expertise.
- Represent RCUK on external working groups appropriate to expertise and role with agreement of the President and organisation.
- Review and comment on documents and statements within agreed and appropriate timescales as requested by the organisation.
- Identify and delegate responsibility for meeting strategic aims to the appropriate Subcommittee.
- Approve changes to Subcommittee responsibilities/roles.
- Provide safe but professional forum for discussion for resuscitation issues.
- Ensure that inclusion and diversity are always considered when developing Guidelines, Quality Standards and statements, evaluating our work or representing RCUK on external working groups.
- Attend Executive Committee meetings and the AGM.

Commitment

We have a strong commitment to inclusion and diversity and actively encourage applications from all of our members.

General responsibilities

Meetings

Executive Committee meetings take place three times per year. As far as possible meeting dates are circulated well in advance. It is expected that members will attend all Executive meetings, either in person or virtually. Reasonable travel expenses are covered. Members who do not attend three consecutive meetings without reasonable reason may be deemed to have resigned from the Committee and will be contacted by the Honorary Secretary and invited to discuss their future involvement.

Time Commitment

Time commitment will vary according to the workstreams being undertaken. Regular meetings are scheduled for 2.5 hours. Any additional work undertaken on projects will be dependent on the subject matter and type of project. Most work is done via email, sharing comments and virtual meetings. We try to work with our Executive members to ensure work is not overburdensome and is manageable within an agreed timeframe.

Diversity and Inclusion

We always seek to balance business needs with a flexible approach to working styles and preferences and have adopted a hybrid approach to our meetings. Some travel to the RCUK office may be required during your term of office. Reasonable adjustments, such as enabling participation through digital technology, will be made where this is required.

We have a strong commitment to inclusion and diversity and actively encourage applications from all of our members who are committed to help drive forward the work of RCUK.

Applications

We hope you will want to be part of this exciting new chapter for the organisation and our cause. Join RCUK and challenge us and all people working in the field of resuscitation to close the gap with the global leaders in survival, ensure the entire Chain of Survival operates consistently at world-class levels and ensure that cardiac arrest survival is no longer another area of health inequality.

For informal discussions about the role, please contact michael.bradfield@resus.org.uk or adam.benson-clark@resus.org.uk by Tuesday 7 October 2025.

To make an application, please visit [the election portal](#).

The closing date for applications is: noon on Thursday 9 October 2025.

If you need any assistance with the application process, adaptations or modifications, please let us know.

