

**Regional Specialty Advisor to the  
British Cardiovascular Society & Royal  
Colleges of Physicians**

**Role description**

## **Introduction**

The British Cardiovascular Society (BCS) and Royal College of Physicians (RCP) introduced a system of joint regional representatives in 2006. This system has evolved over subsequent years and the appointment of the representatives is currently based on historical Cardiovascular Network boundaries. Following discussion the BCS and RCP through their Joint Specialty Committee have agreed to reinvigorate the role of these regional representatives. This document provides a revised role description for joint BCS/RCP Regional Specialty Advisors for cardiology/cardiovascular medicine.

## **Term of Office**

2 years (plus 2, subject to renewal by mutual agreement).

## **Criteria for appointment**

Regional Specialty Advisors will be:

- An established consultant cardiologist or senior cardiovascular academic (professor or senior lecturer) working in the appropriate region in the United Kingdom.
- An ordinary member of the BCS.
- A fellow of the relevant Royal College of Physicians (in some circumstances a member of the relevant Royal College may be considered for the role provided other criteria are met).

## **Constituency**

A full list of Regions and corresponding hospitals for England can be found at the end of this document.

The constituencies of the existing Advisors in England and Wales are based on cardiac network boundaries that were generally defined by regional service configuration. Regional Specialty Advisors will continue to represent clinical groups based on these existing boundaries but boundaries may need to be adjusted over time by agreement of all parties.

Currently advisors represent England (31), Wales (3) and Northern Ireland (1). In Scotland RSA's will be appointed for each of three regional planning groups.

## **Appointment**

Regional Specialty Advisor posts will be advertised on the BCS website and via the BCS Newswire, and the posts will be highlighted by other routes wherever possible. Applications will be invited from individuals who meet the criteria for appointment. The selection process will be coordinated by the Honorary Secretary of the BCS and will include at least one other member of the Joint Specialty Committee.

## **Responsibilities**

Regional Specialty Advisors will:

- Act as a regional specialty representative of the BCS and RCP.
- Act as a link between BCS/RCP and the local cardiovascular community, and present BCS/RCP communications to clinicians, other organisations and when relevant to the local media.
- Provide the BCS/RCP with reports on the local provision of cardiac services and highlight any significant concerns about service provision.
- Support the conduct of the BCS workforce and other surveys.
- Provide advice and support on the strengthened appraisal and revalidation of cardiologists
- Promote membership of the BCS and its Affiliated Groups
- Promote the educational and training activities of the BCS, particularly the Annual Scientific Conference and joint BCS/RCP educational activities.
- Support the identification of local experts eligible to provide advice to BCS/RCP on draft guidance from NICE and other organisations.
- Work with the relevant RCP Regional Advisor on issues such as resolving job descriptions for new posts, specific service concerns and nomination of cardiologists for FRCP. Peer support to RCP Regional Advisors and Regional Specialty Advisors in other specialties will be welcomed and supported by the RCP and BCS.
- Represent the RCP on consultant cardiologist Advisory Appointments Committees.

- Attend twice yearly national meetings of the Regional Specialty Advisors.

### BCS support to Regional Specialty Advisors

The BCS will support the Regional Specialty Advisors in the delivery of the responsibilities of the role, including advice and guidance about job descriptions, consultant Advisory Appointments Committees, and issues relating to local service provision. The BCS will provide Advisors with early notification of new guidelines, recommendations or other documents relevant to cardiovascular medicine that are published by BCS, ESC, NICE or other relevant organisations. The BCS will organise two meetings of the RSAs per annum, one of which will take place at the Annual Scientific Conference.

### England Regions and hospitals:

Network	Hospital
Anglia	Addenbrooke's Hospital
Anglia	Hinchingbrooke Hospital
Anglia	James Paget University Hospital
Anglia	Norfolk and Norwich Hospital
Anglia	Papworth Hospital
Anglia	Peterborough City Hospital
Anglia	Queen Elizabeth Hospital Kings Lynn
Anglia	The Ipswich Hospital
Anglia	West Suffolk Hospital
Avon, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & Somerset	Bristol Royal Hospital For Children
Avon, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & Somerset	Bristol Royal Infirmary
Avon, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & Somerset	Cheltenham General Hospital
Avon, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & Somerset	Gloucestershire Royal Hospital
Avon, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & Somerset	Great Western Hospital, Swindon
Avon, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & Somerset	Musgrove Park Hospital
Avon, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & Somerset	Royal United Hospital Bath
Avon, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & Somerset	Salisbury District Hospital
Avon, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & Somerset	Southmead Hospital (North Bristol NHS Trust)
Avon, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & Somerset	Spire Hospital Bristol
Avon, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & Somerset	Weston General Hospital
Avon, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & Somerset	Yeovil District Hospital
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire	Bedford Hospital
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire	Hemel Hempstead Hospital
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire	King's College Hospital
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire	Lister Hospital, Stevenage
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire	Luton & Dunstable University Hospital
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire	Milton Keynes Hospital

Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire	Queen Elizabeth II Hospital
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire	Watford General Hospital
Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull	Birmingham City Hospital
Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull	Birmingham Heartlands Hospital
Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull	Diana Princess of Wales Children's Hospital
Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull	Good Hope Hospital
Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull	Queen Elizabeth Hospital Edgbaston
Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull	Sandwell General Hospital
Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull	Solihull Hospital
Black Country	Russells Hall Hospital
Black Country	Walsall Manor Hospital
Black Country	Wolverhampton Heart & Lung Centre (New Cross Hospital)
Cheshire & Merseyside	Aintree University Hospital
Cheshire & Merseyside	AlderHey Hospital
Cheshire & Merseyside	Arrowe Park Hospital
Cheshire & Merseyside	Countess of Chester Hospital
Cheshire & Merseyside	Halton General Hospital
Cheshire & Merseyside	Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital
Cheshire & Merseyside	Royal Liverpool University Hospital
Cheshire & Merseyside	Southport and Formby District General Hospital
Cheshire & Merseyside	St Helens Hospital
Cheshire & Merseyside	Warrington Hospital
Cheshire & Merseyside	Whiston Hospital
Coventry & Warwickshire	George Eliot Hospital
Coventry & Warwickshire	Hospital of St Cross
Coventry & Warwickshire	University Hospital Coventry
Coventry & Warwickshire	Warwick Hospital
Cumbria and Lancashire	Blackpool Victoria Hospital
Cumbria and Lancashire	Burnley General Hospital
Cumbria and Lancashire	Chorley & South Ribble Hospital
Cumbria and Lancashire	Furness General Hospital
Cumbria and Lancashire	Royal Blackburn Hospital
Cumbria and Lancashire	Royal Lancaster Infirmary
Cumbria and Lancashire	Royal Preston Hospital
Cumbria and Lancashire	Westmoreland General Hospital
Dorset	Dorset County Hospital
Dorset	Poole Hospital
Dorset	Royal Bournemouth Hospital
East Midlands (North and South)	BMI Park Hospital
East Midlands (North and South)	BUPA Hospital Leicester
East Midlands (North and South)	County Hospital Louth
East Midlands (North and South)	Glenfield Hospital
East Midlands (North and South)	Grantham & District Hospital

East Midlands (North and South)	Ilkeston Community Hospital
East Midlands (North and South)	Kettering General Hospital
East Midlands (North and South)	Kings Mill Hospital
East Midlands (North and South)	Leicester General Hospital
East Midlands (North and South)	Leicester Royal Infirmary
East Midlands (North and South)	Lincoln County Hospital
East Midlands (North and South)	Newark Hospital
East Midlands (North and South)	Northampton General Hospital
East Midlands (North and South)	Nottingham City Hospital
East Midlands (North and South)	Pilgrim Hospital
East Midlands (North and South)	Royal Derby Hospital
East Midlands (North and South)	Skegness District Hospital
East Midlands (North and South)	University Hospital Queens Medical
Essex	Basildon and Thurrock
Essex	Broomfield Hospital
Essex	Colchester General Hospital
Essex	Essex Cardiothoracic Centre
Essex	Princess Alexandra Hospital
Essex	Southend University Hospital
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	Blackpool Victoria Hospital
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	East Lancashire Hospital
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	Fairfield General Hospital - Pennine Acute
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	Lancashire Teaching Hospital
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	Leigh Infirmary
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	Manchester Royal Infirmary
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	Morecambe Bay Hospital
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	North Manchester General Hospital
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	Rochdale Infirmary
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	Royal Albert Edward Infirmary
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	Royal Bolton Hospital
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	Royal Oldham Hospital
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	Salford Royal Hospital
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	Stepping Hill Hospital
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	Tameside General Hospital
Greater Manchester & Cheshire	Wythenshawe Hospital
Herefordshire and Worcestershire	County Hospital Hereford
Herefordshire and Worcestershire	Kidderminster Hospital
Herefordshire and Worcestershire	The Alexandra Hospital
Herefordshire and Worcestershire	Worcestershire Royal Hospital
Kent	Buckland Hospital Dover
Kent	Chaucer Hospital
Kent	Darent Valley Hospital
Kent	Kent and Canterbury Hospital



Kent	Maidstone Hospital
Kent	Medway Maritime Hospital
Kent	Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother
Kent	Tunbridge Wells Hospital at Pembury
Kent	William Harvey Hospital
North & East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire	Bridlington & District Hospital
North & East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire	BUPA Hospital Hull & East Riding
North & East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire	Castle Hill Hospital
North & East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire	Diana Princess of Wales Hospital Grimsby
North & East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire	Hull Royal Infirmary
North & East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire	Scarborough General Hospital
North & East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire	Scunthorpe General Hospital
North & East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire	York Hospital
North Central London	Barnet General Hospital
North Central London	Chase Farm Hospital
North Central London	North Middlesex University Hospital
North Central London	Royal Free Hospital
North Central London	Whittington Hospital
North East London	Homerton Hospital
North East London	King George Hospital
North East London	London Chest Hospital
North East London	London Independent Hospital
North East London	Newham University Hospital
North East London	Queens Hospital Romford
North East London	Royal London Hospital
North East London	St Bartholomews Hospital
North East London	Whipps Cross University Hospital
North of England	Bishop Auckland General Hospital
North of England	Cumberland Infirmary
North of England	Darlington Memorial Hospital
North of England	Freeman Hospital
North of England	Friarage Hospital
North of England	Hexham General Hospital
North of England	James Cook University Hospital
North of England	North Tyneside General Hospital
North of England	Queen Elizabeth Hospital Gateshead
North of England	Royal Victoria Infirmary
North of England	South Tyneside District Hospital
North of England	Sunderland Royal Hospital
North of England	University Hospital of Hartlepool
North of England	University Hospital Of North Durham
North of England	University Hospital of North Tees
North of England	Wansbeck General Hospital

North of England	West Cumberland Hospital
North West London	Central Middlesex Hospital
North West London	Charing Cross Hospital
North West London	Chelsea & Westminster Hospital
North West London	Cromwell Hospital
North West London	Ealing Hospital
North West London	Hammersmith Hospital
North West London	Harefield Hospital
North West London	Hillingdon Hospital
North West London	Northwick Park Hospital
North West London	Royal Brompton Hospital
North West London	St Mary's Hospital Paddington
North West London	Wellington Hospital
North West London	West Middlesex University Hospital
Peninsula	North Devon Healthcare NHS Trust
Peninsula	Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust
Peninsula	Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
Peninsula	Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust
Peninsula	South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Shropshire & Staffordshire	Mid Staffordshire Foundation Hospital
Shropshire & Staffordshire	Princess Royal Hospital Telford
Shropshire & Staffordshire	Queen's Hospital Burton
Shropshire & Staffordshire	Royal Shrewsbury Hospital
Shropshire & Staffordshire	University Hospital of North Staffordshire
South Central (North and South)	Basingstoke & North Hampshire Hospital
South Central (North and South)	BMI Alexandra Hospital
South Central (North and South)	Horton General Hospital
South Central (North and South)	John Radcliffe Hospital
South Central (North and South)	Queen Alexandra Hospital Portsmouth
South Central (North and South)	Royal Berkshire Hospital
South Central (North and South)	Royal Hampshire County Hospital
South Central (North and South)	Spire Southampton Hospital
South Central (North and South)	St Mary's Hospital Newport
South Central (North and South)	Stoke Mandeville Hospital
South Central (North and South)	University Hospital Southampton/Wessex Cardiothoracic Centre
South Central (North and South)	Wexham Park Hospital
South Central (North and South)	Wycombe Hospital
South East London	FARNHAM HOSPITAL
South East London	Guys Hospital
South East London	London Bridge Hospital
South East London	Princess Royal University Hospital
South East London	Queen Elizabeth Hospital Woolwich
South East London	St Thomas' Hospital



South East London	University Hospital Lewisham
South West London	Croydon University Hospital
South West London	Kingston Hospital
South West London	Queen Marys Hospital Sidcup
South West London	St Anthony's Hospital
South West London	St George's Hospital
South West London	St Helier Hospital
Surrey	East Surrey Hospital
Surrey	Epsom General Hospital
Surrey	Frimley Park Hospital
Surrey	Royal Surrey County Hospital
Surrey	St Peter's Hospital
Sussex	Conquest Hospital
Sussex	Eastbourne District General Hospital
Sussex	Princess Royal Hospital Haywards Heath
Sussex	Royal Sussex County Hospital
Sussex	St Richards Hospital Chichester
Sussex	Worthing Hospital
West Yorkshire	Airedale General Hospital
West Yorkshire	Bradford Royal Infirmary
West Yorkshire	BUPA Hospital Leeds
West Yorkshire	Calderdale Royal Hospital
West Yorkshire	Dewsbury District Hospital
West Yorkshire	Harrogate District Hospital
West Yorkshire	Huddersfield Royal Infirmary
West Yorkshire	Leeds General Infirmary
West Yorkshire	Leeds Nuffield Hospital
West Yorkshire	Pinderfields Hospital
West Yorkshire	Pontefract Hospital
West Yorkshire	St James' University Hospital
West Yorkshire	York District Hospital
West Yorkshire	Yorkshire Clinic

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