



Royal College of Physicians

Dr Carol Postlethwaite Biography

Dr Carol Postlethwaite is a Chief Registrar and ST8 Registrar in Acute and General Medicine at East Surrey Hospital. She was elected to represent KSS as a trainee representative in 2014 then elected by the committee to the Chair in 2016. The reach and representation of the committee has been extended by formally co-opting core trainees, the Clinical Fellows of the RCPL and with improved representation by Senior Officers. The meetings now include workshops to better support the work of the college and for the trainees to get the college to work for them as representatives of you, our members. The group has a new impetus to improve transparency and engagement with the college by improving communication with the membership with the use of social media and the newsletters as well as attending and speaking at New Members Ceremonies and the launches of Trainee focused events such as the Trainee Think Tank in London and the Medical Registrar Quality Criteria. She continues to advocate for Trainees and Members at Council where they have only a small voice, as well as at the multiple working groups still plays an active role in. 2018 has been an interesting year so far as both a Chief Registrar and a trainee, where she was able to personally demand help and answers from the Secretary of State for Health for trainees following the outcome of the Dr Bawa-Garba case, and was introduced to HRH the Queen as part of the 500 year anniversary of the RCP. At a local level as a Chief Registrar her work streams all regard improvements in working and training conditions for her colleagues in terms of improving handover practices between shifts, Hospital at Night, getting CMTs to clinic, optimising the emergency teams and improving communication and culture between consultants and trainees