

Description:

- RCPCH Ambassadors form an England-wide volunteer network that is administered and supported by the RCPCH Health Policy team, with input from officers and others across the College as necessary.
- RCPCH Ambassadors advocate for the integration and improvement of children's services and for the child health workforce within their Integrated Care System (ICS), Trust or service. They also help to inform the College's national influencing work by sharing information on how systems are meeting the needs of children and young people and how improvements and integration are happening in their local area.
- RCPCH Ambassadors report to the Health Policy Team and the Health Services Committee.
- For more information visit our [RCPCH Ambassadors](#) webpage and our [volunteering opportunities](#) webpage

Role details

- Ambassadors are accountable to the RCPCH Policy Officer (Workforce) and the RCPCH Vice-President for Health Policy.
- Ambassadors will serve a term of office of 5 years.

Eligibility

Applicants must hold RCPCH membership of one of the following types:

- Associate (and are ST4 or above)
- Ordinary (by exam or election)
- Fellow (by registration or election, ST4 or above)
- Senior Fellow, Senior Member, Retired Associates

Applicants must also work in an ICS region in England.

Role purpose and responsibility

The responsibilities of the RCPCH Ambassadors are:

- To support the College's national influencing work by sharing specific information and local experience as to how ICS are meeting the needs of children and young people and how improvements and integration are happening in their area.
- To advocate for the integration and improvement of children's services and for the child health workforce from where they are, in their service, Trust or ICS.

Communications will be sent out to Ambassadors at regular intervals to gather their experiences on the ground, in relation to specific themes, for example, winter planning. The emerging learning and good practice examples gained from across systems will then be shared back with Ambassadors and used to inform the College's conversations with government and national policy development.

In accordance with College policy, all candidates should be in Good Standing with the RCPCH.

To greater support the range and diversity of information gained the opportunity to become an Ambassador isn't limited to a particular number in each area. However, this may be reviewed as the programme develops.

Working relationships

Ambassadors will work with the Policy Officer (Workforce) sharing their local experience in response to targeted information gathering. They will also have the opportunity to ask questions and share local experience with other Ambassadors and Clinical Leads at the RCPCH Clinical leads Forum.

Time commitment

We estimate that the time commitment for this role would be around 3 - 4 hours a month. This will include attending the RCPCH Clinical Leads Forum meetings (three times a year) and responding to targeted information gathering.

Support provided from the College

The first point of contact will be Vicki Osmond, RCPCH Policy Officer through the RCPCH Ambassadors email address: ambassadors@rcpch.ac.uk

The College is hugely grateful to its RCPCH Ambassadors for volunteering their valuable time. As such, the College is committed to supporting RCPCH Ambassadors in their role through the following materials and resources:

- An RCPCH Ambassador resource hub that covers NHS system design, examples of best-practice, child health inequalities, recovery of child health services, CYP voice and a guide to effective advocacy.
- Ambassadors are invited to attend the Clinical Leads Forum that provides an opportunity to hear about and share current issues and good practice in child health services with paediatric clinical leaders across the country.
- Ambassadors will benefit from the emerging learning and good practice in other systems, with the information gathered by the College shared back with Ambassadors.
- Ambassadors will receive a key-updates bulletin every 2 months.

Members will be reimbursed for the cost of travelling expenses (in line with the College's expenses policy) and subsistence to attend College meetings. Remote attendance options may also be offered for some meetings.

Knowledge, skills and experience required

Essential:

- [Member of the College in Good Standing with RCPCH](#)
- Has attended Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training within the last 3 years.
- Passionate about creating impact in their local area for the benefit of children, young people and the workforce that serves them.
- Enthusiasm and interest in supporting the College to influence national policy to benefit children and young people.

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Desirable:

- Knowledge and interest in local health and care systems.
- An interest in and knowledge of the impact of health inequalities on children and young people and their families particularly in their local area.

Process

Applications for roles should be submitted electronically at [Ambassador volunteering opportunities](#) no later than the closing date. Applicants will be informed if their application was successful within 3 weeks. The opportunity to become an Ambassador isn't limited to a particular number in each area so multiple applicants may be appointed in each ICS area if they fulfil the eligibility criteria. However, this may be reviewed as the programme develops.

When undertaking a role at RCPCH all role holders must agree to respect and uphold the charitable objects, vision, and values of the RCPCH and uphold the [code of conduct](#) which embodies of the values that the RCPCH holds the breaking of which could lead to sanction. Core to RCPCH's values is the exemplary behaviour of its members, both as professionals and also as individuals.

Appointed candidates will be asked to [register their interests](#). This is to ensure that personal circumstances that might compromise a volunteer's ability to be seen as acting correctly are properly disclosed.

The role holder must be committed to following the College's safer working practices guidelines when working with children, young people and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, with the role holder required to comply with the College's Safeguarding policy. Appointed candidates must also have attended Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training within the last 3 years.

The RCPCH wants to represent all the communities we serve and are dedicated to creating an inclusive working environment. The College is particularly keen to receive applications from those who belong to an underrepresented group as defined in the equality act 2010, including age, disability, sex, race, religion or belief, gender reassignment, married or in a civil partnership, pregnancy/parental leave, or sexual orientation.

The College is a disability confident leader, please let us know if you require any reasonable adjustments or accommodations as a result of a disability, impairment or health condition.

Members can also receive support to cover the costs of caring responsibilities, where these responsibilities would otherwise prevent them from undertaking voluntary work for the College, as per the [removing barriers](#) fund. Claims must be submitted using the appropriate form and the College should be made aware of these requests at least a month in advance. For further information please contact edi@rcpch.ac.uk.

Personal information about unsuccessful candidates will be held for 6 months after the position has been filled, it will then be securely destroyed. Personal information about successful candidates will be retained on their membership file. The information contained in this will be kept secure and will only be used for purposes directly relevant to that person's responsibilities as a committee member. Please also refer to the [membership privacy notice](#) which explains how we will use the data we collect from you.

Professor Steve Turner
Registrar
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