

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

FOR STUDENTS OF SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, MEDICAL SCIENCES AND NUTRITION

REMIT AND COMPOSITION OF THE FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE

Composition and Membership 2024/25:

Conveners: Professor Susan Stokeld, Senior Lecturer, School of Law

Deputy Convenor: Professor Margaret Ross, Professor of Law Emerita

In exceptional circumstances, such as conflict of interest at appeal, a convenor may be drawn from Scottish Medical Schools Fitness to Practise Committee Chairs

Medical Clinicians: Professor Rona Patey, ~~Emeritus Professor~~ ~~Director of Institute of Education in Healthcare and Medical Sciences~~
 Professor Phil Hannaford, Emeritus Professor
 Ms Justine Royle, Consultant Urological Surgeon
 Professor Kim Ah-See, Consultant ENT Surgeon
 Dr Manisha Kumar, Consultant Anaesthetist
 Dr Ken Lawton, Deputy Head of Teaching GPCME
 Dr Shonagh Walker, Consultant Radiologist
TBC as being appointed, Deputy Responsible Officer, NHS Grampian
 Dr Katrina Shearer, Director of Medical Education, NHS Grampian
 Professor Alan Denison, Dean of Postgraduate Medicine, Scotland Deanery
 Dr Joy Miller, Associate Postgraduate Dean (Foundation)
 Professor Mohamed Abdel-fattah, Clinical Chair in Gynaecology
 Dr Colin Lumsden, Director of Institute of Education in Healthcare and Medical Sciences
~~Dr Wendy Watson~~, MBChB Programme Lead
 Dr Amr Mahdy, Consultant Anaesthetist
~~Mr Pragnesh Bhatt~~, Consultant Neurosurgeon
 Dr Morven Wilson, Director of Teaching (Interim), Highland
 Dr Ruth Cruickshank, Clinical Tutor
Dr Linzi Lumsden, Senior Clinical Lecturer, GP
Dr Andrew Rowlands, Associate Director of Medical Education (Undergraduates) NHS Highland
 2 Specialist Trainees in medicine or dentistry (selected by a recruitment process facilitated by the postgraduate deanery with a 2 year term of office)
 1 Recently (within the last 6 months) appointed (first time) consultant (with an initial 2 year term of office)

Dental Clinicians: Professor Khaled Khalaf, Director of Institute of Dentistry
~~Dr Jonathan Iloya, Consultant in Dental Public Health~~
 Dr Anand Lalli, Senior Clinical Lecturer

Healthcare Professionals: (Non medical/dental) Mrs Helen Gray, Programme Lead Advanced Clinical Practice
 Mrs Sian Roughton, Clinical Skills Manager

External Peer Member: **To be drawn from Scottish Medical Schools Fitness to Practise Committees**

Non Healthcare Members: Dr Archie Graham, School of Education
~~Professor Stephen Davies, Emeritus Professor~~
 Dr Christine Kay, Curriculum Manager
 Mrs Kirsten Darling-McQuistan, School of Education

Clerk:

Mrs Arlene Ray

The Committee shall be quorate provided that at least three members (including at least one appropriate clinician, meeting the requirements of the relevant regulator, and one external or non-medical/dental member as applicable) are present, plus the Convener. In the exceptional circumstance that a panel member is forced to withdraw at very short notice then the panel may sit with a Chair and 2 members, one of whom must be a clinician, with a licence to practise in the relevant clinical profession. Members who have been involved in the previous stage of Fitness to Practise Investigation of the case may not be committee members for that case.

Remit:

In accordance with the appropriate programme regulations and guidance:

- (i) To consider the cases of students on regulated healthcare programmes and MSc in Physician Associate Studies students, referred to the Committee by the Investigating Officers of the School of Medicine, Medical Science & Nutrition, whose behaviour is considered to be not befitting such a student, or whose health gives cause for concern and which, in either case, raises concerns as to their fitness to practise in the relevant field.
- (ii) To consider the cases of MBChB graduates of the University, referred to the Committee by the Postgraduate Dean during their pre-registration period of training, whose behaviour is considered not befitting a doctor, or whose health gives cause for concern and which, in either case, raises concerns as to their fitness to practise medicine.
- (iii) In both cases above, to make decisions on such cases, on behalf of the Senate, in accordance with the relevant University Guidance Note.

Note: University Guidance Notes to Students on Fitness to Practise:

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/documents/academic-quality-handbook/Discipline%20-%20GuidanceFitness%20to%20Practice%20-%20Medics.pdf>