



Royal College of
General Practitioners

Candidates' Election Statements

Election of Six Members to serve on College Council
2013–2016

Please read carefully before casting your vote.

Margaret McCartney

Faculty: Scotland

Place of Work: 94 Fulton Street, Glasgow, G13 1JE

Past and Present Offices held at the College: Sex, Drugs and HIV Task Group 2002; GP Partner, Fulton Street Medical Centre, Glasgow, 2003-present

Candidate's Statement on what she hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

Evidence based, compassionately applied, professionally delivered healthcare within the NHS is best for patients and society. The GP contract introduced a third person into the consulting room – the health secretary. The political interference into our day to day work is burdensome and harmful – we are encouraged to over treat the well at the expense of diverting resources from the sick.

We need to stand up for professional values and patient need regardless of popularity. If elected I will do my best to put forward grass roots value – <http://grassrootsgp.wordpress.com/>: the needs of patients must come first

Dr Margaret McCartney has been nominated by Dr Iona Heath and Dr Jonathon Tomlinson

Terry Kemple

Faculty: Severn

Place of Work: Horfield Health Centre, Locleaze Road, Horfield, Bristol BS7 9RR

Past and Present Offices held at the College:Hon. Sec. Severn Faculty, 1987 – 1989;

Chairman. Severn Faculty; 1995 - 1999; Member Fellowship Committee , 1997 - 2002

Candidate's Statement on what he hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

Only 10% vote. 250 votes should get me elected so your vote counts. I have 70 words left to convince you to choose me instead of one of the usual well-known names. I'm a working GP who believes in listening, caring, then doing the right thing. I'm an enthusiast for making general practice better. I'm 60 (same as the RCGP) and enjoyed full-time work for 30 years. The work was busy and rewarding but it's changing. The next generation faces a challenging and uncertain future. Reviving values like wisdom, trust, and continuity will help keep us fit for the future

Dr Terry Kemple has been nominated by Dr David Jewell and Dr Matt Hoghton

Ben Riley

Faculty: Thames Valley

Place of Work: The Fern Hill Practice, Faringdon Medical Centre, Volunteer Way, Faringdon, Oxon, SN7 7YU

Past and Present Offices held at the College:

04/07-General Practitioner at The Fern Hill Practice, Faringdon, Oxfordshire;09/07 - Lead Author, *The Condensed Curriculum Guide* (for GP Training & MRCGP);05/12-Clinical Lead (Interim), Enhanced GP Training, RCGP; 09/12-Medical Director of Curriculum, RCGP; 11/1 -GP Trustee of The Lymphoma Association;12/12-Co-author of *The 2022 GP: A Vision for General Practice in the Future NHS*; 03/13-Lead Developer and Co-Author, *The Social Media Highway Code*

Recent Roles 07/09-08/12 Medical Director for e-Learning, RCGP;11/07-12/12 Clinical Lead, e-GP Project, RCGP and e-Learning for Healthcare (DH); 07/11-04/12 Joint Lead Writer, Educational Case for Enhanced Four-Year GP Training; 11/07-07/09 Educational Resources Fellow, RCGP

06/06-07/09; Curriculum Development Fellow, RCGP

Board and Committee Memberships: Curriculum Development Committee; RCGP (Chair) Quality and Training Board (formerly PTB), RCGP; Broad-based Training Curriculum Group, Academy of Royal Medical Colleges; Member of Editorial Board, InnovAiT

Candidate's Statement on what he hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

To do its essential work in challenging times, the College must interact differently with GPs and the public. With your support, I will use my *Social Media Highway Code* experience to take forward new and engaging ways for members to participate in College discussions and influence decision-making, enabling those who are under-represented to be heard.

Having delivered many e-learning and educational resources, I will push for practical membership benefits to meet the everyday needs of GPs and their teams.

Drawing on my *2022GP* work, I will strongly promote the evidence-based value that general practice brings to patients and the NHS.

Dr Ben Riley has been nominated by Dr Iona Heath and Dr Greg Irving

John Paul Cosgrove

Faculty: Thames Valley

Place of Work: Midlands Medical Partnership, High Street Surgery, 26 High Street, Erdington, B23 6RN

Past and Present Offices held at the College:

Chairman, Thames Valley Faculty 2010 to present; Treasurer Thames valley Faculty 2004 to 2010; GP Trainer, West Midlands Deanery 2012 to present; Salaried GP, White Horse Medical Centre Practice, Faringdon 2007 to 2012; Locum GP 2004 to 2006;

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Candidate's Statement on what he hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

I am GP based in Birmingham and Chairman of Thames Valley Faculty. I care passionately about College.

I will encourage the use of social media where appropriate to engage with members. As a GP trainer, I will hear the views of the AITs and trainers, as well partners and salaried colleagues and faculty board members.

I will seek to defend general practice from the threats of targets, tick-boxes, commercialisation and medicalisation. We GPs must share responsibility with other sections of society to improve the health of our patients.

Reach me on Twitter at www.twitter.com/DrJohnCosgrove.

Dr John Cosgrove has been nominated by Dr Margaret McCartney and Dr Sukhdev Sangha

Pete Deveson

Faculty: South London

Place of Work: Derby Medical Centre, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 8AG

Past and Present Offices held at the College: First 5 Rep, South London Faculty - 2010

Candidate's Statement on what he hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

I'm a GP partner in Epsom, Surrey and former First5 Rep. I'm worried that our core values of patient-centred consultation, compassion and continuity of care are increasingly under threat from mounting governmental, societal and contractual pressures. I'd like to see a simplified, less intrusive GP contract with the patient returned to the centre of the healthcare debate; such as, I'm a founder member of www.grassrootsgp.org. I speak regularly at the RCGP conference on issues such as the lack of career progression for salaried doctors, the risks of screening and the medicalisation of normality. Follow me on Twitter as @PeteDeveson.

Dr Pete Deveson has been nominated by Dr Mark Free and Dr Dean Harris

Nigel Sparrow

Faculty: Vale of Trent

Place of Work: Newthorpe Medical Centre, Chewton Street, Eastwood, Nottingham, NG16 3HB

Past and Present Offices held at the College: RCGP Medical Director for Revalidation 2012-present; Chair of the Professional Development Board 2007-2013; Vice Chairman of Council, RCGP 2004-2007, Chair of the RCGP Leadership Strategy Group 2008-present; Member of the Standing Commission on Carers 2007-present; RCGP representative on EQuiP 2007-present; Member of

Council (Vale of Trent rep) 2000-present; member of Vale of Trent Faculty Board 1993-present; Chair of Vale of Trent Faculty Board 1997-2000; Member of the GP Committee Royal College of Physicians 2012-present; GP trainer and appraiser 2002-present; Chairman of the Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management 2012-present; Chairman of the Transparency and Open Data in Primary Care Delivery Board – Department of Health 2010-present; President of the Nottingham Medico-Chirurgical Society – 2012-13; Visiting Professor of General Practice, University of Lincoln 2005-present; Member of RCGP Quality Unit Steering Group 2002-2005; Member of Quality Team Development Steering Group 2001-2005; Chairman of Quality Team Development working group, 2005-2007; Chairman of Innovations Unit, RCGP 2005-2006; Vice Chairman of the Professional Development Board 2006-2007; Member of the Finance Committee, RCGP 2004-2007; Member of Awards Committee 2004-2007; Member of the Revalidation Stakeholder Group, RCGP 2007-2010; Member of the Revalidation Technical Group, 2007-2009, Associate Postgraduate GP Dean – East Midlands Deanery 2002-2010; Medical lead (Deputy GP Dean)- Revalidation, Enhanced Appraisal and Learning Service, East Midlands Deanery 2008-2012; Clinical Lead – Primary Medical Care Provider Accreditation Pilot, RCGP 2007-2009; Co-Chair of Competence and Curriculum Development Group for Medical Care Practitioners; National Practitioner Programme 2004-2007; Co-Chair of General Practice Nursing and Healthcare Assistants project, Working in Partnership Programme 2005-2007; Member of the Executive Board – Nottingham North and East Practice Based Commissioning Cluster 2007-2009; Clinical Governance Lead, Broxtowe and Hucknall PCG then PCT 2003-2006.

Candidate's Statement on what he hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

As Revalidation Lead, I am totally committed to ensuring that the College supports its members to make appraisal and revalidation as smooth and straightforward process as possible. I have been an appraiser since 2002 and a partner in a practice in Nottingham which I established in 1997. I have been a vice chair of Council and for the last 5 years have chaired the Professional Development Board during which time we have produced an excellent range of e-learning and CPD programmes to support our professional development. If elected I will continue to promote the unique qualities of general practice.

Professor Nigel Sparrow has been nominated by Professor Neil Jackson and Dr Richard Vautrey

Richard Vautrey

Faculty: Yorkshire

Place of Work: Meanwood Group Practice, 548 Meanwood Road, Leeds, LS6 4JN

Past and Present Offices held at the College:

RCGP Council nationally elected member 2001-; RCGP Council GPC Observer 2005-2010; General Practitioners Committee elected member 2001-; GPC negotiator 2004-; GPC Deputy Chair 2007-; Leeds LMC assistant medical secretary 2008-; Leeds LMC medical secretary 1999-2008; Leeds North Clinical Commissioning Group and practice based commissioning group Chair 2008-11

Candidate's Statement on what he hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

I have been the voice for ordinary GPs on RCGP Council since 2005. I know that GPs are struggling to cope with an ever increasing workload and are worn down by constant organisational change.

RCGP must not add to our burden with unrealistic policies and proposals but work to support all GPs and practices. It must emphasise the importance of general practice, challenge policies that undermine continuity of care, the list-based system or lead to greater fragmentation of care. It should support practices to develop services and defend quality of training.

I will do this with your support.

Dr Richard Vautrey has been nominated by Professor Nigel Sparrow and Dr Peter Holden

Una Coales

Faculty: South London

Place of Work: Lambeth PCT, Performer's List as freelance NHS Locum

Past and Present Offices held at the College: 2005-current, RCGP South London Faculty Board member; 200-2009, RCGP South London Faculty Honorary Treasurer; 2008-2010. Elected LMC Representative for Lambeth (External Office); 2009-2012, RCGP Nationally Elected Council Representative; 2011-2012, Deputised for Chair Clare Gerada as RCGP Representative for Department of Health Payment by Results Clinical Advisory Panel; 2013-current, RCGP south London Faculty Social Media Officer.

Candidate's Statement on what she hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

I would like renew my term as your RCGP National Council Representative, to ensure fair treatment of doctors, correct any democratic deficits, and ensure College accountability and transparency. Members' needs include faculty engagement in shaping all central College policies, not mere rubber-stamping, control of exam and membership

fees to retain membership, a stronger voice for trainees and sessionals, promoting GP partnerships and personal lists, maintaining GP autonomy against unreasonable political expectations (box-ticking exercises), mitigating CQC and revalidation hurdles, making College more relevant for members, and modernising College, giving 46,000 members the right to vote for their Chair.

Dr Una Coales has been nominated by Dr Cyprian Okoro and Dr Osman Bhatti

Simon Gregory

Faculty: Thames Valley

Place of Work: King Edward Road Surgery, Northampton, NN4 6AU

Past and Present Offices held at the College: Present:

- Nationally elected member RCGP Council; Member of the following RCGP committees - Nominations Committee, Staff Remuneration Committee, Senior Staff Remuneration Committee; Postgraduate Dean and Director of Education and Quality, East of England Deanery to become East of England Local Education and Training Board, Health Education England; Regional Postgraduate Dean, University of Cambridge and Fellow, Homerton College, Cambridge; and Visiting Professor University of East Anglia and Anglia Ruskin University. Past: - Dean of Postgraduate GP Education, East Midlands (formerly Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland); Vice Chair of CoGPED; Chair of GP National Recruitment Office; RCGP Thames Valley Faculty Honorary Secretary; and RCGP Thames Valley Associate Representative.

Candidate's Statement on what he hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

I am a GP in a busy practice in Northampton and Postgraduate Dean, East of England. I have served you, my colleagues, as I believe in General Practice and the value of GPs. I joined council as your elected representative as I want to make a difference. We remain under threat. With the challenges of GP bashing, commissioning with financial ischaemia, revalidation, and trainees facing ever-increasing costs yet low prospective incomes. At a crucial time for GPs I will be constructively critical. We need to reflect General Practice; we need to get it right. Together I believe we can!

Professor Simon Gregory has been nominated by Professor Mayur Lakhani and Dr Clare Taylor

Alan Hassey

Faculty: Yorkshire

Place of Work: Fisher Medical Centre, Skipton NHS Information Centre, Leeds

Past and Present Offices held at the College:

GP partner, Fisher Medical Centre, Skipton, N Yorks (1982-present); members RCGP Health Informatics Group

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(1997-present); Member Joint GP IT committee (GPC & RCGP, 1997-present); member GP2GP Project board (2204-present); Senior Clinical Adviser NHS Connecting for Health (2009-present)

Past: GP Trainer (Airedale VTS (1986-2008); Co Chair Joint GP IT committee (GPC & RCGP, 2004-06); chair RCGP Health informatics Group (2004-06); Co-opted member RCGP Ethics Committee (2004-2009); Hon member MRC Clinical Trails Unit (2004-05); Member MRC College of Experts (2005-10); Editor "The Good Practice Guidelines for GP electronic patient records v4 (2011)"; Member Caldicott Information Governance Review Panel (2012-13)

Candidate's Statement on what he hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

I have over 30 years experience as a GP partner, helping to direct our activities in front-line patient care, the GP contract, commissioning, GP training, health informatics, education and research. Throughout my time as a GP, I have been a strong supporter of the NHS founding principles underpinned by independent general practitioners acting as advocates for their patients. The NHS faces the twin perils of constant reform and financial stringency and College needs Council members with relevant experience and independence of mind to ensure that we directly engage with government, the media and the public in support of the NHS.

Dr Alan Hassey has been nominated by Dr Iona Heath and Dr Bill Reith

Nigel Mathers

Faculty: Sheffield

Place of Work: University of Sheffield

Past and Present Offices held at the College: RCGP (Elected) 2003-2006: Chair of Research; 2006-2010: Chair of Clinical Innovation and Research Centre; 2010-2013: Vice-Chair RCGP (Policy and Publications). **External (Appointed)** 1989-date: Principal In General Practice; 1997-date: Professor of Primary Medical Care, University Of Sheffield; 2004-2006: Chair Of Sheffield Health and Social Research Consortium (NHS)

Candidate's Statement on what he hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

As a College Officer I have 10 years experience of the internal and external processes of

College and understand how these processes can be used to promote GP. In my role as Vice-Chair (10-13) responsible for policy and publications, I have led on 19 Policy Papers/ Position Statements and 7 College Reports/Publications. If elected, I will be a "critical friend" to College and scrutinize Council papers/publications contributing to Council debates and online consultations. I will ensure that College remains focussed on quality of patient care and clinical medicine as the centre of what we do.

Professor Nigel Mathers has been nominated by Dr Maureen Baker and Dr Paul Wilson

Jonathon Tomlinson

Faculty: North East Thames

Place of Work: The Lawson Practice, 85 Nuttall Street, London N1 5HZ

Past and Present Offices held at the College: None

Candidate's Statement on what he hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

I hope to share my pride in and enthusiasm for our vocation. NHS General Practice ought to be something that not only GPs, but the whole world is proud of. We treat patients as partners in care, according to clinical need, guided by the best available evidence, compassionately and without regards for personal gain. These are the ethical foundations on which stand the pillars of trust that support our profession. I hope to strengthen these foundations in my words and action as your representative and advocate.

Dr Jonathon Tomlinson been nominated by Dr Deborah Colvin and Dr Melissa Sayer

Martin Brunet

Faculty: South West Thames

Place of Work: Binscombe Medical Centre, 106 Binscombe, Godalming, GU7 3PR

Past and Present Offices held at the College: GP Principal Binscombe Medical Centre since 1002; GP Trainer since 2004; Programme Director, Guildford GP VTS since 2009

Candidate's Statement on what he hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

Like most GPs, I am passionate about the importance of patient-centred care, built on the foundation of a strong doctor-patient relationship. The RCGP is the key guardian of this unique interaction between patients and their doctor which still exists in primary care in the UK. As a member of the Council I would wish to stand up for these fundamental principles, in the face of unprecedented external pressures on the profession. I have found myself increasingly unable to keep silent on these issues, and have helped to set up www.grassrootsgp.org, a collaborative GP voice in the healthcare debate.

Dr Martin Brunet has been nominated by Dr Margaret McCartney and Dr Hamish Whitaker

Chandra Mohan Kanneganti

Faculty: Midlands

Place of Work: Stoke-On-Trent

Past and Present Offices held at the College: Current RCGP Council Observer; RCGP Midlands Faculty Board member since 2008

Candidate's Statement on what he/she hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

I hope to represent Grass root GP's interests at College Council. Please consider supporting me:

1. For GP's – As current BMA GPC member, I will try to have both College and BMA have common goals and objectives for benefit of GP's interests, particularly in areas of commissioning, GP contract changes effect on GP's workload, vision for 2022 GP
2. For Trainee's – I am part of small group of IMG organisation's – BIDA and BAPIO reviewing IMG's issues and difficulties in CSA Examination. I will continue engaged in these discussions and help to find a solution for this problem affecting many IMG trainee's.

Dr Chandra Kanneganti has been nominated by Dr Waheed Abbasi and Dr Annamalai Veerappan

Jaspreet Kaur Grewal

Faculty: South West Thames

Place of Work: Locum GP

Past and Present Offices held at the College: Current roles: RCGP First 5 Lead for South West Thames (SWT) faculty (August 2011 to Current); RCGP Communications Lead SWT Faculty (March 2011 to Current); RCGP First5 joint annual primary care conference and annual ball lead 2013.

Previous roles: RCGP Deputy chair of RCGP Associates in Training Committee (AiT) (March to November 2011); RCGP AiT National Primary Care Conference Lead (2011); Elected RCGP Kent, Sussex, Surrey (KSS) RCGP AiT Representative (November 2008 to October 2011); Chair of GP trainee committee KSS Deanery board (August 2010 to July 2011); RCGP Assessment Committee AiT Representative (November 2010 to October 2011); RCGP Curriculum Development Committee (November 2010 to March 2011); Academy of Royal Colleges Broad based curriculum working group (November 2010 to October 2011); RCGP Quality Management and Training Standards (QMTS) AiT representative (November 2009 to October 2010); GP National Recruitment Group AiT representative (November 2008 to October 2009); Foundation Doctor Representative on deanery board (August 2006 to July 2008)

Candidate's Statement on what she hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

In a time when GPs are increasingly taking a leading role in healthcare provision. It is vital for College Council to have a strong voice and diverse representation to ensure that we can meet the individual needs of all General Practitioners. As a locum, 'First5' GP I would consider it an absolute honour to serve and represent you on College Council issues which are important to you including providing support and guidance on education, training, revalidation and licensing, encouraging research and clinical excellence, representing your views on commissioning and healthcare provision and ensuring members feel supported and valued.

Dr Jaspreet Grewal been nominated by Dr Ali Razzak and Dr N Firdosi

Stuart Sutton

Faculty: South London

Place of Work: Tollgate Medical Centre, 220 Tollgate Road, London E6 5JS

Past and Present Offices held at the College:

Immediate past Chair RCGP AiT Committee (2011-12); AiT National RCGP Council Representative (2011-12); Co-Chair of GLADD (Gay & Lesbian Association of Doctors & Dentists)

Candidate's Statement on what he hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

As a recently qualified GP and former Chair of the RCGP AiT Committee I want to give early career First5 GPs a stronger voice on RCGP Council.

My aims for 2013-16:

- Continue to advocate for our patients, profession and NHS by opposing privatisation and fragmentation of healthcare
- Support and encourage the traditional partnership model of General Practice and more opportunities for early career GPs who wish to become partners
- Strengthen Equality & Diversity at the RCGP aiming for a Council more representative of its members
- Celebrate generalism, continuity of care and a career in General Practice

Dr Stuart Sutton has been nominated by Dr Ken Cochran and Dr Mallik Koneru

Dom Patterson

Faculty: Sheffield

Place of Work: The Burns Practice, 4 Albion Place, Doncaster, DN1 2EG

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Past and Present Offices held at the College: Yorkshire GP and trainer, 2008-present; RAF GP 2005-2008; GP Tutor Yorkshire and the Humber Postgraduate Deanery, 2011-present; Programme Director, Doncaster GPSTP, 2009-present

Candidate's Statement on what he hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

I'm a 35 year old full-time grassroots GP and trainer from Yorkshire. I am not standing for Council for my own advancement or self interest, but because I want the RCGP to be more relevant to the majority of its members. The membership fee is considerable; I want to help ensure that it is well spent in line with the wishes of its members and the values of the College. The First5 initiative is great and having just left that group I'm keen to champion it, but also to try and explore targeting other groups. 'The next ten?'

Dr Dom Patterson has been nominated by Dr John Corlett and Dr Adam Manson

Bill Irish

Faculty: Severn

Place of Work: Mendip Country Practice, Coleford, Bath, Severn Deanery, Bristol, UK

Past and Present Offices held at the College:

Elected Member of Council 2010-2013; member RCGP-COGPED Partnership Group 2009-2013; COGPED Rep, RCGP AiT Group 2008-2011; Deputy Convenor MCQ/AKT 2005-2008; Elected Member Examination Board 2002-2005; Examiner MRCGP 1997-2008. Externally: Director of GP Education, Severn Deanery 2007-date; Vice Chair, COGPED 2010-date; Co-chair Medical and Dental Recruitment – Quality and Standards Group, DH 2012-date; Visiting Professor of Medical Education, Bristol University 2010-date; Co-chair, DH GP Taskforce; Recruitment subgroup 2010-date; GP Partner; Mendip Country Practice, Coleford, Bath 1991-date; Chair, GP National Recruitment Office 2009-2013; GP Trainer, Course Organiser, Associate Director 1993-2007.

Candidate's Statement on what he hopes to achieve through membership of Council:

My (professional) passions can be distilled to just three key areas: jobbing clinical practice, high quality medical education and developing a GP workforce with the capability, numbers and standards necessary for the 21st century.

Through membership of Council I have tried to ensure that our College engages effectively in these areas and to ensure that the voice of individual trainees, trainers and faculties aren't lost in the cut and thrust of College politics. I believe my external roles give me insights important to Council; keeping its feet on the ground and its connections with grass root educators robust and strong.

Professor Bill Irish has been nominated by Professor Neil Jackson and Dr Barry Lewis

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