

The responsibilities and duties of the Ethicist as a member of the MRCP(UK) Scenario Editorial Committee

The Ethicist is responsible to the Chair of the MRCP(UK) Scenario Editorial Committee and subject to the same regulations as other members.

Responsibilities:

Attend the meetings of the MRCP(UK) Scenario Editorial Committee. The Committee has one full-day meeting three times per year, held in London, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Read through all relevant documentation ahead of each meeting, and attend and participate in the entire meeting.

Advise the Chair on ethical matters relating to the use of scenarios and simulated patients in the MRCP(UK) Part 2 Clinical Examination. This includes providing particular input to develop the information for examiners in terms of ethical content.

Take an independent overview on the general proceedings and bring an external, non-clinical viewpoint to the development of the policies and processes of MRCP(UK) examinations.

Contribute to achieving the academic objectives in terms of scenario review specifically through providing advice on the assessment of ethical principles and practice.

Provide additional independent input into the external quality assurance of delivery of the MRCP(UK) Part 2 Clinical Examination.

Support the officers of MRCP(UK) in their administration and delivery of the examinations, and meeting of the requirements set by the regulatory body, the General Medical Council.

Support the MRCP(UK) Central Office and the College Examination Departments on the delivery of the examinations, including reviewing documents and providing specific advice on ethics.

Requirements:

The Ethicist should provide a current CV, including relevant experience and interests, with a specific emphasis on knowledge of ethical principles and practice.

The Ethicist is invited to participate in an induction day, complete equality and diversity training, and may be asked to attend, and possibly deliver, other relevant training.

The Ethicist should attend one appropriately located MRCP(UK) PACES examination in an observational capacity.

The Ethicist should be prepared to travel to London, Edinburgh and Glasgow to attend meetings.

Desirable skills and experience:

Experience in an Ethical Advisory role or academic role focused on Ethics

Experience of participating in board or committee meetings

Understanding of organisational governance

Ability to think strategically

Good independent judgement

Ability to digest and analyse papers and statistical data

Time Commitment:

The Ethicist will remain on the Committee for 5 years.

The Ethicist is expected to attend a minimum of two meetings per year. Attendance will be monitored and members may be asked to stand down if they fail to attend regularly.

Remuneration:

This is a non-salaried, voluntary position though reasonable expenses and travel costs will be met by the MRCP(UK) Central Office in line with the Federation expenses policy.

Confidentiality:

The work of exams is highly sensitive and it is the responsibility of those working on the development of the exams to ensure that the confidentiality of candidate information, examination results and examination material is respected at all times.

Conflict of Interest:

Should a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interests arise it is the responsibility of the individual to inform the Medical Director.

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