

## **VACANCIES FOR MEMBERS ON THE SPECIALTY ADVISORY COMMITTEES (SAC)**

The JCST acts jointly on behalf of the four surgical Royal Colleges of the UK and Ireland, and the Specialist Surgical Associations in Great Britain and Ireland for all matters in relation to surgical training in the UK and Ireland. It is organised on a Committee structure; the JCST is the parent body responsible for policy issues and delegates matters relating to each surgical specialty to its subcommittees, the SACs. The JCST is looking for practising NHS Consultants who are committed to training and would like to make a real contribution to the following surgical specialties:

- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- General Surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Paediatric Surgery
- Plastic Surgery
- Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery
- Urology

The work undertaken by the SACs includes:

- Setting standards for the specialty training of surgeons, on behalf of the certifying authority, the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board (PMETB);
- Working with the Deaneries to establish MMC training programmes;
- Recommending trainees for the award of the CCT/ CSD/ CESR (Combined Programme);
- Working on curriculum development for surgical training;
- Providing advice to Regional Postgraduate Deans via their respective Regional Training Committees;
- Providing advice and guidance to trainees and trainers and supporting the network of Training Programme Directors;
- Making recommendations regarding training posts/programme standards;
- Evaluating Article 14 applications on behalf of PMETB for those who wish to be considered for GMC Specialist Registration.

All those appointed should have the following skills and experience:

- A strong personal commitment to the NHS;
- Active or very recent experience as a surgical trainer;
- Experience of administration/management of training at regional committee level or equivalent;
- Knowledge of both the Calman (SpR, RITA etc) and of the Modernising Medical Careers (StR, ARCP etc) systems of specialty training;
- Have attended a training the trainers course (or undertake one in the first year of appointment);

The meetings of the SACs are held in London (4-5 times per year) and **travel expenses to SAC meetings are paid by the Hospital Trust or Health Board where the representative works.** Membership of the SAC is for a period of five years. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please visit the JCST website [www.jcst.org/sac\\_members](http://www.jcst.org/sac_members) or phone 0207 869 6252.