

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS
Minutes of a Meeting of Council held at the RCOG and virtually on
Friday, 9 February 2024

PRESENT

President	Miss Raneer Thakar (Chair)
Senior Vice President, Global Health	Professor Hassan Shehata
Vice President, Clinical Quality	Mrs Geeta Kumar
Vice President, Membership and Workforce	Dr Laura Hipple
Vice President, Academia and Strategy	Professor Asma Khalil
Vice President, Education	Mr Ian Scudamore

ELECTED FELLOWS

Mr Sherif Abdel-Fattah
Professor Dilly Anumba
Dr Jyotsna Acharya
Professor Alastair Campbell
Professor Justin Clark
Miss Mausumi Das
Professor Stergios Doumouchtsis
Professor Colin Duncan
Mr Sujeewa Fernando
Miss Fatima Husain
Mr Joseph Iskaros
Professor Swati Jha
Mr Andrew Leather
Dr Hans Nagar
Mr Philip Rolland
Miss Melanie Tipples

ELECTED MEMBERS

Dr Jenny Barber
Dr Hlupekile Chipeta
Dr William Dudill
Dr Peter Harris
Dr Angharad Jones
Mrs Vanitha Kumar
Dr Javaid Muglu
Dr Hanan Mustafa
Dr Claire Thompson
Dr Alison Wiggans

MEMBERS

Dr Janet Barter FRCOG, FSRH President
Dr Kat Barton MRCOG, Trainees' Committee Chair
Ms Emma Crookes, Women's Network Vice Chair
Professor Emma Crosbie FRCOG, Academic Board Chair
Ms Jane Plumb FRCOG, Women's Voices Lead
Dr Eman Toeima FRCOG, Specialty and Associate Specialist and Locally Employed Doctors Lead

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive	Ms Kate Lancaster
Executive Director, External Affairs	Mr Ben Butler
Executive Director, Education and Quality	Ms Carly Edwards
Executive Director, Global, Membership & Governance	Ms Kristen Morgan
Executive Director, Finance & Commercial	Ms Ashley Wang
Head of Corporate Governance	Mr Christopher Smith
Business Administrator	Ms Natasha Sullivan

1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>The President welcomed all to the meeting. In particular, welcomes were extended to Emma Crookes, the Women’s Network Vice-Chair, and Kat Barton, the new Trainees Committee Chair.</p>
2	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Chimwemwe Kalumbi MRCOG Andrew Pickersgill FRCOG Suzanne O’Sullivan FRCOG Dudley Robinson FRCOG Peter von Dadelszen FRCOG</p>
3	<p>RCOG Confidentiality Agreement and Declaration of Interest and Good Standing</p> <p>RCOG Confidentiality Agreement and Declaration of Interest and Good Standing had been circulated. Council was asked to complete and return the form if they had not done so within the last year.</p>
4	<p>Minutes and Matters Arising</p>
4.1	<p>Minutes from the last meeting</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting held on 24 November 2023 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>
4.2	<p>Actions record</p> <p>The actions from the November meeting of Council were noted.</p>
4.3	<p>Council ceremonies rota 2024</p> <p>Council members were thanked for confirming their availability for membership ceremonies. It was confirmed that Council members are welcome to attend more than one ceremony. Council members were advised to contact Natasha Sullivan if would like to attend multiple ceremonies.</p>
5	<p>Obituaries</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the sympathy of Council be extended to the relatives of the following:</p> <p>Dr Sanat Kumar Mandal – Fellow of India Sir Eric Jackson Thomas – Fellow of England Professor Mahmoud Fahmy Fathalla – Fellow of Egypt Mr Lawrence Joslin Mascarenhas – Member of England Mr Alan Fennell Bushby- Fellow of England Dr Cecil Hammond Inglis – Fellow of Canada Dr Richard Allan Speed – Member of New Zealand Dr Gillian Gibson Matthews – Fellow of England Dr Therese Hannon – Member of England</p>
5.2	<p>Professor Dame Lesley Regan gave the tribute to Sir Eric Thomas FRCOG.</p>
5.3	<p>The Vice President for Academia and Strategy gave the tribute to Mr Lawrence Mascarenhas MRCOG.</p>

<p>6</p>	<p>Regional presentation</p> <p>The Fellows and Members representatives for the East Midlands presented an update from the region.</p> <p>Council were informed that the East Midlands is a large and diverse region and, whilst not an outlier overall in terms of its socio-economic status, there are areas of significant deprivation and areas with poor health outcomes.</p> <p>The region has strong links to the College, with just under 600 members and several former Presidents and Vice-Presidents hailing from it.</p> <p>There are seven NHS Trusts in the region and it was noted that the range of CQC ratings across these is in line with what would be expected nationally.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the region has a good reputation for research with large clinical studies, such as the GBS3 led by the Nottingham Clinical Trials Unit, operating out of the East Midlands and a new Ovarian Cancer Research Centre also currently being developed at Nottingham University. It was noted that there are four gynaecological cancer centres within the East Midlands, three of which have been accredited by the European Society of Gynaecological Oncology.</p> <p>The East Midlands School of Obstetrics and Gynaecology has 174 trainees. There are two separate training rotations due to geographic size of the deanery. The region has performed poorly recently on trainee experience with its TEF data revealing that the East Midlands is among the bottom two regions in seven of the 13 categories.</p> <p>Council thanked the Fellow’s Representatives for their presentation. It was suggested that future regional presentations would benefit from reflecting the SAS/LED figures for the region. It was also noted that there would be merit in the East Midlands team conducting a deep dive into the TEF data to identify recurring themes.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>President</p>
<p>7.1</p>	<p>President Report</p> <p>The President shared a report of her recent activities.</p> <p>The President reflected on her recent visit to 11 Downing Street to attend a Doctors in Distress meeting. The President stressed the importance of the College and Council members providing adequate support to their Members and Fellows. It was noted that Doctors in Distress are happy to provide support if College members reach out to them.</p> <p>Council members highlighted the work of other organisations in this area including the Doctors Support Network and Society of Clinical Psychiatrists.</p> <p>Council members enquired whether there was anything further the College and Council members could be doing to support Members and Fellows. It was confirmed that the College is exploring ways in which it can provide further support to its Fellows and Members. There is a Wellbeing Hub on the RCOG website which Council members were directed to and asked to signpost to Members and Fellows within their regions.</p> <p>The President also highlighted that the College had now successfully signed the contract for the purchase of 8 Union Street.</p>
<p>7.2</p>	<p>Presidential Priorities</p> <p>The President updated Council on progress towards the delivery of the Presidential Priorities.</p> <p>Delivery of activity to improve gynaecology surgery training</p>

	<p>The President highlighted that a stakeholder workshop will be held in March to look at innovations in the gynaecology surgery training as well as to identify opportunities for change. Council members were encouraged to confirm their attendance.</p> <p>College’s inequalities work to focus on addressing racism and bias The President commented that the College has been working closely with prominent organisations in this space such as the NHS Health and Race Observatory.</p> <p>Council noted that a Clinical Fellow with educational experience has been appointed to support on this presidential priority and will join the team from February 2024.</p> <p>Council members were informed that updates have been made to the College’s website setting out the College’s ambition to work towards racial equity within the profession. Council members were commended to visit the website to note the progress that has been made to date.</p> <p>To drive the College's response to climate change and the need for improved environmental sustainability in the O&G profession The President highlighted that focus has been placed on developing a comprehensive programme of work to support the College’s membership to provide more sustainable care.</p> <p>The College is a member of the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change, an alliance of UK organisations raising awareness around climate change. The College has also supported the development of the Sustainability in Surgery (Green Surgery Report), which Council members were commended to read.</p> <p>It was noted that the College has an aim to reduce carbon emission by 50% by 2030 and is making good progress towards this.</p>
<p>7.3</p>	<p>Council Membership Engagement Workshop – One year on The President advised that from the completed workshops, five common themes have been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Professional development • Professional networking • Recognition and rewards • Promotion of the College <p>It was noted that feedback has now been received from many regions on their plans for 2024. Those Council members who have not yet responded and provided feedback on their plans for 2024 were encouraged to do so.</p> <p>Council members were informed that the College has developed an engagement toolkit to support Council members to engage with members in their constituencies. The toolkit will be launched shortly and Council members were encouraged to utilise this resource in their engagement activities.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Membership and Workforce</p>
<p>8.1</p>	<p>Report on Membership and Workforce Activities The Vice President for Membership and Workforce presented the Report on Membership and Workforce Activities, with a focus on the priorities for 2024.</p> <p>Council noted the increased membership subscriptions and particularly that Associate membership campaigns undertaken in 2023 had resulted in 559 new Associates, a 70% increase on the previous year.</p>

	<p>The Vice President for Membership and Workforce discussed the ongoing work on the College’s Membership Transformation Programme, which is focused on expanding the College’s membership. It was noted that the Fellowship Task and Finish Group met three times between December 23 and January 24 to review the Fellowship criteria, assessment process and benefits package. A report summarising the discussion and recommendations will be brought back to Council.</p> <p>Council were informed that on Friday 10 November, the College’s Workforce Team hosted the first in-person Clinical Directors Forum meeting in Union Street. The College is also working to develop a space on the RCOG learning platform to host a virtual discussion group for Clinical Directors.</p> <p>The Vice President for Membership and Workforce advised Council members that a Return to Work toolkit has been developed and is available on the College’s website. Council members were also asked to highlight the College’s Wellbeing Hub to their constituents.</p>
<p>8.2</p>	<p>Physicians Associates</p> <p>Mariana Bloomfield, RCOG Clinical Fellow, joined the meeting to provide an update on the College’s work to develop a scope of practice for physicians associates (PAs) in obstetrics and gynaecology.</p> <p>Mariana discuss the policy context for PAs within the NHS as well as some of the sensitivities around their introduction including a lack of clarity around the role, national variation in terms of how PAs are being utilised, and a perception that PAs are being prioritised above the needs of doctors. It was noted that, of the approximately 3200 qualified PAs in the UK, only a very small number of PAs work in obstetrics and gynaecology, and that there were potential benefits to PAs working within wider multi-disciplinary teams including increased staffing and improved continuity of care.</p> <p>It was emphasised that the College is taking a proactive approach to setting standards and has engaged with those PAs working in obstetrics and gynaecology, as well as other stakeholders including other Royal Medical Colleges, to understand how their roles were introduced and how they work within their teams.</p> <p>Council thanked Mariana for her presentation. It was agreed that the scope of practice would be an important document providing clarity on the role of PAs in obstetrics and gynaecology and helping to ensure that trainee needs are met. It was suggested that there remains a need to assess the impact of PAs on rotas and that the College, working with the Trainees Committee, might explore developing a methodology for this in the future.</p> <p>Council commented that, if utilised effectively, PAs could be an important resource for managing staffing shortages within the NHS.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Academia and Strategy</p>
<p>9.1</p>	<p>Report on Academia and Strategy Activities</p> <p>The Vice President for Academia and Strategy presented the Report on Academia and Strategy Activities, with a focus on the priorities for 2024.</p> <p>The Vice President for Academia and Strategy highlighted that the College has secured funding from the James Lind Alliance to undertake a research prioritisation exercise. It is expected that the research prioritisation exercise will result in a report that details the ‘top 10’ most important research areas for women’s health.</p> <p>Council enquired as to how the College will ensure that the research addresses the needs of all areas of the obstetrics and gynaecology profession. Council was informed that planning of this work is at an early stage. However, the team will be working closely with the James Lind Alliance to define the scope and ensure that it is manageable and equitable. There will also be a significant stakeholder engagement exercise including the workforce and third-sector bodies.</p>

	<p>Council members were encouraged to visit the Maternity Safety Hub, which is now live on the College’s website. Whilst the next steps are yet to be confirmed, work with the Maternity Safety Working Group and external partners is ongoing.</p> <p>Council noted that the College is exploring a partnership with the University of Birmingham to establish an RCOG Maternity Safety Research Centre. The University of Birmingham has secured a five-year NIHR grant (2023-2028) that includes maternity safety research as the maternity theme of the Midlands Patient Safety Research Centre. It is hoped that the Centre will be launched in 2024.</p>
10	Education
10.1	<p>Report on Education and Exam activities</p> <p>The Vice President for Education presented the Report on Education and Exam activities, with a focus on the priorities for 2024.</p> <p>Council noted that the 2024 Curriculum has now been approved by the GMC. The 2024 Curriculum remains the teams main priority ahead of the expected go-live date in August 2024.</p> <p>The College’s accreditation training programmes are growing. There have been recent successful visits to Corniche Hospital, Abu Dhabi (November 2023) and Max Healthcare, Delhi (December 2023). Further visits are planned in 2024, including to Aster Medcity. Council members reiterated the importance of putting in place a sustainable structure for the accreditation programme.</p> <p>Council members enquired as to whether there are any plans in place to have an accreditation programme for sub-Saharan Africa. Council was informed that the College provides support and guidance for sub-Saharan African countries through the work of its global health team, and that there is work underway to explore what further opportunities there might be in the region. The MRCOG is not a recognised exam in these countries and so an accreditation programme is not currently feasible.</p> <p>The LMS Project was completed on 22 December 2023. Work is underway to develop the NIHR Clinical Research eModules, the Curriculum 2024 resource and finalising the ES Toolkit which is due to be launched in February.</p> <p>Council noted that the team continues to grow and develop the exams offering. This has included looking at standard setting and the length and structure of exams, especially with regards to the DRCOG ensuring it is a more meaningful and relevant exam for primary care.</p> <p>Council were informed that a technical issue meant that 108 candidates were not able to complete the MRCOG Part 1 & 2 exam in January. A contingency exam was held on 8 February 2024 with 96 candidates sitting this.</p> <p>The next MRCOG Part 3 diet will take place in May 2024. The College is running its first remote online format for this exam, which will only be available to candidates with special circumstances. Applications for the online diet will be reviewed on a case by case basis.</p>
11.	Global Health
11.1	<p>Report on Global Health Activities</p> <p>The Senior Vice President for Global Health presented the Report on Global Health activities, with a focus on the priorities for 2024.</p> <p>The Centre for Women’s Global Health has been successful in obtaining funding from the Global Health Workforce Programme, funded by the UK DHSC and managed by the Tropical Health &</p>

	<p>Education Trust, which aims to develop the health workforce in Nigeria to build stronger, more resilient health systems and to make progress towards universal health coverage. The College is waiting to hear the outcome of several other grant applications including WISH2 and the next staging of the Making Abortion Safe programme.</p> <p>The Vice President for Global Health highlighted that RCOG training on recognising the harmful impact of female genital mutilation to girls and women, understanding the legal consequences, and advocating for the end of FGM was piloted in Egypt in 2023. Further workshops will now take place in Cairo and Sohag in March 2024.</p> <p>It was noted that the College recently obtained consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the UN, which provides an opportunity to grow the role and influence of RCOG.</p> <p>In the UK, it was noted that one of the team’s main priorities would be translation and interpretation services. An Interpretation Services Solutions Summit has been established in collaboration between the College, the Royal College of Midwives and NHS England.</p> <p>Council members were reminded of the Annual Professional Development (27th-29th February) and International Women’s Day (7th March) events and encouraged to register if they had not done so already.</p>
11.2	<p>World Congress 2026 & 2027 locations shortlist</p> <p>Council noted the World Congress 2026 and 2027 locations shortlist. It was highlighted that these had been ranked according to specific criteria.</p> <p>Council approved the shortlist.</p>
12	<p>NHSE Federated Data Platform</p> <p>Ming Tang, Chief Data and Analytics Officer for NHS England, and Bruno Botelho, Director of Digital Operations at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, joined the meeting to present the NHSE Federated Data Platform (FDP), which has been developed to bring together operational data from across various systems into one place.</p> <p>Council members enquired as to whether the FDP would work be able to integrate with all maternity software. It was confirmed that the FDP is source-agnostic, and would be able to assimilate information from various systems.</p> <p>It was noted that the FDP had been trialled successfully across a number of sites, including Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, and that the team were hopefully of the College’s support for ongoing work. The FDP will be purchased nationally and made available to all NHS organisations, with NHS Trusts expected only to input into resourcing its development.</p> <p>Council members enquired as to whether all NHS Trusts will be expected to utilise the Platform. It was confirmed that the platform will be offered to all NHS Trusts but that it will not be mandatory for it to be used. The development of the maternity platform is still in its early stages and NHS England would want to work with the College to ensure that it tailored appropriately and rolled out over the next three years.</p> <p>Council thanked Ming Tang and Bruno Botelho for their presentation.</p>
13.	<p>Clinical Quality</p>
13.1	<p>Report on Clinical Quality Activities</p> <p>The Vice President for Clinical Quality presented the Report on Clinical Quality activities, with a focus on the priorities for 2024.</p> <p>Council noted the various publications that had recently been published including:</p>

- Good Practice Paper No. 17 Maternity Triage, which is the first of its kind.
- The Management of Nausea and Vomiting in Pregnancy and Hyperemesis Gravidarum Green-top Guideline.
- Good Practice Paper No. 18 Managing Events Surrounding a Maternal Death and Supporting the Family and Staff.

Council members enquired as to the timeline for the publication of the Hysteroscopy Green Top Guideline. The Vice-President for Clinical Quality confirmed that this would be communicated outside of the meeting.

Council members queried the accuracy of the information on the College website on mesh and endometriosis. The Vice-President for Clinical Quality confirmed that the website would be checked for accuracy.

Council were informed that Alastair Campbell and Lisa Knight had been selected as the new Guideline Committee shadow-chairs. The Vice-Chair for Clinical Quality placed on record their thanks to the outgoing Chairs, Alastair McKelvey and Neelam Potdar.

With regards to the National Maternity and Perinatal Audit, Council noted that both the Scottish and Welsh data has now been gathered, with progress being made on collecting the English data.

It was noted that the College is supporting the UCL-led development of a UK Menopause Education and Support Programme, which is being co-designed with members of the public. A link to a survey was shared and Council members were asked to complete this and also share the information with relevant patient groups.

An update was provided on the Tommy's National Centre for Maternity Improvement NIHR funded PARTNER trial. 26 sites are now involved, and expressions of interest are still being accepted. The next version of device will be ready to be rolled out in Spring 2024.

Council was updated on the progress on the ABC3 contract and noted that an extraordinary meeting of the Trustee Board had been called for later in February to discuss contract terms.

14 CEO

14.1 **CEO Report**

Ms Lancaster presented the report on the latest activity across the College.

International Representative Committee (IRC) Elections

Council was advised of the progress that the College has made with regards to IRC elections, which had been paused over the pandemic.

COVID-19 Public Inquiry

The College continues to monitor the Covid-19 enquiry, across all of the various modules and stands ready to give oral evidence on Module 3. Module 4 of the Inquiry, which focuses on vaccination, has recently opened and is expected to hear oral evidence in summer 2024. Council noted that the RCOG has prepared all evidence with regards to the College's activity to encourage uptake of COVID-19 vaccines both for pregnant women and for healthcare professionals ahead of a likely request for written or oral evidence.

DHSC Women's Health Strategy event

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) hosted its Women's Health Summit at Union Street, launching the Department's priorities for the women's health strategy in 2024.

Abortion Bill

There has been a substantial amount of College activity around the decriminalisation of abortion. The

	<p>College made a submission for the safe access zone consultation, has continued to work with MPs on the Criminal Justice Bill, and has also published guidance for healthcare workers.</p> <p>Clinical Quality projects The Tommy’s Centre for Maternity Improvement was awarded a four-year grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to enable the Tommy's App to be adapted for use in low and middle-income settings.</p> <p>Financial performance The College expects the year-end position to be positive. A tight financial year in 2024 is anticipated and the College has introduced a cost improvement plan to help mitigate this.</p> <p>Pension buyout Progress continues to be made towards the pension buyout. The College has made financial provisions for paying the insurance company to take over the scheme.</p> <p>8 Union Street The College is working with a planning advisor on the development of 8 Union Street, as there will be a need to apply to the Council for a change of building use. Council will be kept informed as this matter progresses.</p>
15.	FSRH
15.1	<p>Report from FSRH President The FSRH President presented their report on the activities of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare.</p> <p>It was noted that Dr Helen Munro’s term of office, as Vice President, will conclude in October 2024. An election for a new Vice President will take place in April 2024.</p> <p>The Clinical Effectiveness Unit has now relocated from its previous location in Lothian to Union Street. This move has taken for a number of reasons including to maximise the flexibility and cost-effectiveness of the unit. A new Clinical Director, Dr Rebecca Strauss, and team has been appointed.</p> <p>Council noted the upcoming FSRH events. In particular, the FSRH Post-Birth Contraception Conference which is taking place on 18th-19th April.</p>
16	Trainees
16.1	<p>Report from Trainees’ Committee Chair The National Trainees’ Committee Chair presented their report detailing the recent activity of the Committee.</p> <p>The new Chair placed on record her thanks to her predecessor, Dr Heidi Stelling, for her outstanding work during her time as National Trainees’ Committee Chair. It was noted as well as a new Chair, the Committee also had two new Vice-Chairs, with a third being appointed in next few weeks, as well as several new Regional Representatives. Council members were requested to contact the new Trainees’ Committee Chair if they would like to meet the new team or discuss any matters.</p> <p>Council noted that a scoping exercise is underway to explore issues and practice within the various regions. The Committee is keen to look at ways in which gynaecological surgery and maternity safety training and development can be improved.</p> <p>The Committee is working closely with the College’s Exams Team to look at refreshing some of the exam questions. It was noted that the Committee was pleased that some of the resources and training have been made free for trainees from January 2024.</p>

	<p>The Trainees' Committee Chair also placed on record their thanks to the College for supporting the organisation of the first in-person meeting of the Trainees' Committee in three years.</p>
17	SAS/LED
17.1	<p>Report from SAS/LED Lead The SAS/LED Lead presented their report, which highlighted the breadth of work that the SAS/LED Committee had undertaken since the last meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that four new SAS/LED representatives had been appointed to the Committee, and that the Committee is currently in the process of recruiting new representatives for the North West and London.</p> <p>Council members queried how best to identify appropriate SAS/LED doctors within Scotland and Ireland. The SAS/LED Lead noted that this is an ongoing challenge. There are a significant number of LEDs on temporary contracts, which makes them harder to identify. In addition, many SAS/LED doctors are not sharing up to date information with the Committee.</p>
18	Women's Network
18.1	<p>Report from Women's Voices Lead The Women's Voices Lead noted the written update on recent activities of the Network and Women's Voices Panel.</p> <p>Council was informed that Karen Ward has been appointed as the new Clinical Member for the Women's Network. The Network will be recruiting an additional clinical member with a focus on obstetrics. The position will be open to Members, Fellows and SAS/LED doctors</p> <p>It was noted that the Women's Voices Lead, and both co-Vice Chairs, joined the College's Language Guide Advisory Group meeting.</p> <p>The Women's Voice Lead and Women's Network Member, Ruth Unstead-Joss, joined the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Women's Health in February, where Ruth shared her experience of good informed choice.</p> <p>Work is underway to scope a series of public facing webinars focusing on a range of topics important to the women and people the Women's Network and College engages with. It is likely that the first webinar will take place at the end of April/early May and will focus on fertility with former Women's Voices Lead, Kate Bryan, as a speaker. The joining details for the webinar will be shared with Council members as soon as this is confirmed.</p>
19	Academic Board
19.1	<p>Report on Academic Activities The circulated report on Academic Board activities was noted.</p> <p>In particular, the success of Blair Bell Research Society Academic Meeting was acknowledged. Over 100 delegates had been in attendance and feedback had been positive.</p> <p>Council also noted that the College is now almost ready to launch the Research for All survey. This aims to identify specific barriers to people becoming involved in research.</p> <p>The President placed on record her thanks for all of the Academic Board Chair's work during their time in the role.</p>

20	Disciplinary, Removals and Reinstatement committee
20.1	Removals from Regulatory Registers Council was informed that there was nothing from the DRRC to report at this meeting.
21	Council Membership
21.1	Committee and Honorary Appointments and Extensions The nine new appointments were ratified.
21.2	Council representatives on Boards and Committees Expressions of interest for the vacant Fellows Representative role on the Business Development and Commercial Group were requested. Council members were advised to contact Natasha Sullivan to confirm their interest in the role.
21.3	Council election Ms Lancaster presented the 2024 timetable for Council elections. It was noted that elections will be run for members only in the following five regions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London North, Central, East and North West • Thames Valley and Wessex • Northern, Yorkshire and Humber • Wales • Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland Council approved the Nominations Form.
21	Reports/minutes Council noted the following minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Quality Board minutes 2 November 2023 • Global Health Board minutes 5 October 2023
22	Any other business No further items were raised.