



British Cardiovascular Society

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## Council (2 x Non-Surgical Centre Representatives)

### 1 Candidate – Elected Unopposed, 1 Role Unfilled

**Reza Zadeh**

***Nominations:***

Cara Hendry

Bernard Clarke

***Supporting Statement:***

Dear colleagues, Modern day non-surgical centres differ vastly from those of the past. The introduction of safe and affordable advanced technologies coupled with accessible training opportunities to upskill have resulted in impressive expansion of the services on offer at non-surgical centres. As these centres continue to grow, we are seeing the recruitment of highly skilled operators to these local institutions thereby further broadening the service potential. In the non-invasive field, more centres offer the latest cardiac MRI protocols including and CTCA with Heartflow and planner. The coronary cath labs are equipped with atherectomy devices, lithotripsy, intra-coronary imaging and equipment to diagnose and treat microvascular disease. Electrophysiologists can offer simple ablation therapy at local centres thereby delivering the services in the heart of the communities. Moreover, many non-surgical centres have been incorporated into University Hospitals Trusts thus working more closely with their local surgical centres and universities. These mergers offer the opportunity to improve communication and appropriate resource management locally. The future of the non-surgical centre is bright and it is essential that we recognise their capabilities and utilise them to their maximum capacity. As a society, we must explore ways to deliver more services locally at non-surgical centres to offer patients more choice and offload the desperate NHS waitlists at many larger centres. I believe that we need a change of culture within our cardiac society to acknowledge the true value of these centres and optimise our working environments, both in the non-surgical and tertiary centre sites. This will allow the larger tertiary centres to focus on delivering regional acute services (such as PPCI), those that require surgical back-up onsite and services that would be otherwise performed in too small a number to make it feasible for smaller centres. I am a consultant interventional cardiologist providing both PCI and CTCA services in Worthing, part of University Hospitals Sussex. I graduated in 2006 from the University of Manchester and have completed my clinical and academic training in the UK, USA and New Zealand. I was awarded a BHF fellowship to complete my PhD studies and a BRC fellowship to fund my postdoc at Harvard medical school. Subsequently I was



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employed as an NIHR Academic Clinical Lecturer in Manchester following which I completed my BCIS fellowship in Auckland, New Zealand. During my training years I was elected as the deanery and BJCA representative for North west and Mersey and an affiliate council member on the BACPR council. This has given me the experience of representing my colleagues across the corresponding regions and nationally. I have worked in non-surgical centres as a consultant in the north west of England, Northland New Zealand and now in Sussex. I would appreciate the opportunity to represent you at the BCS council.

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