



## Professional and Society Ethics Committee (Responsible Trustee and Chair: Vice President for Professional and Society Ethics – Dr Abhishek Joshi)

The Professional and Society Ethics Committee acts as an advisory body to the BCS Executive and Board of Trustees. It can issue recommendations and proposals to the Executive (operational) Committee and Board in relation to BCS Professional and Society Ethic activities, initiatives and future plans aligned to key strategic goals.

The Committee is chaired by the Vice President for Professional and Society Ethics who has a seat on BCS Council.

The Professional and Society Ethics Committee leads on and develops initiatives that promote Equality, Diversity and Inclusion within cardiology. Its remit includes delivery of activities pertinent to these principles and it seeks to promote awareness and address issues pertinent to Professional and Society Ethics.

The committee will work closely with other key BCS Committees including Women in Cardiology Committee (with cross-representational membership), Programme Committee, Education Committee and others as well as with the BCS Executive (operational) Committee to ensure BCS values cross-cut all activities and that activities are joined up and cohesive, and that EDI principles are considered appropriately across all work streams.

Elected members are expected to attend committee meetings and actively engage in the work of the committee between meetings, leading on activities and initiatives as directed by the Chair.

The Professional and Society Ethics committee meets bi-annually via Teams with much of the work being conducted by sub-groups in the intervening periods via email (at least 75% attendance is expected for meetings and email work combined). Elected members serve a term of three years.

Committee members report to: Chair/Vice President for Professional and Society Ethics

The VP for Professional and Society Ethics reports to: Executive Committee (operational) and Board of Trustees (sets and approves strategy)

Eligibility for standing: In order to stand for elected posts on the BCS Professional and Society Ethics Committee applicants must be Ordinary or Joint Members of the BCS.