

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

The British Cardiovascular Society (BCS) is a membership organisation with charitable status. The BCS is the voice for all those working in the fields of cardiovascular care and research in the UK; we aim to represent and support both the professionals who work in cardiology and the patients for whom we want to encourage the best possible treatment. Our mission includes enhancing and maintaining the highest standards in training, education, and research for the benefit of patients and to be the primary source of professional advice and advocacy in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

The Professional and Society Values 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 Values activities, initiatives, and future plans, aligned to key strategic goals.

The Committee is chaired by the Vice President for Professional and Society Values.

The Professional and Society Values Committee leads on and develops initiatives that promote equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) 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 values.

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

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 Values 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 Values

The VP for Professional and Society Values reports to: Operational 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 Values Committee, applicants must be Ordinary or Affiliate Members of the BCS.