



Guidelines and Practice Committee (Responsible Trustee: Vice President for Clinical Standards - Dr Neil Swanson; Chair - Dr Andrew Ludman)

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 Guidelines and Practice (G&P) Committee sits within the Clinical Standards Division, and is responsible for advising the Board of the British Cardiovascular Society on clinical standards and guidelines, audit, and workforce planning for cardiovascular medicine in the United Kingdom. The G&P Committee provides expert clinical review of national and international clinical guidelines and clinical practice statements, which may impact on UK cardiology practice, including publications from NICE and the European Society of Cardiology. The G&P Committee also provides advice to the BCS Board about other issues relating to professional clinical practice. Most of this work is undertaken electronically.

The G&P Committee meets three times per year (at least 75% attendance required), via Teams (with occasional face to face meetings when circumstances permit).

Elected members serve a term of three years.

Committee members report to: Chair

Chair reports to: VP Clinical Standards

VP Clinical Standards 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 Guidelines and Practice Committee applicants must be Ordinary or Affiliate Members of the BCS.