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Toxicology Special Interest Group (SIG) Committee Chair Honorary post

The College is looking to recruit a new Chair for the Toxicology Special Interest Group (SIG). The ideal candidate should have a demonstrable interest and expertise in toxicology, along with at least two years of experience working in a UK emergency department as a senior clinical decision-maker.

Accountable to: Quality in Emergency Care Committee (QECC)

Key working relationships: As Chair, you will lead, coordinate, and inspire the members of the Toxicology Special Interest Group (SIG), a key committee within the Quality in Emergency Care Committee (QECC) under the Quality Care Cluster. The Toxicology SIG plays a crucial role in addressing toxicology-related challenges across the Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM). Additionally, it collaborates with the National Poisons Information Service (NPIS) to ensure the availability of essential antidotes for emergency departments—an integral aspect of patient care.

In this role, you will work closely with the RCEM Quality Team and the Chair of QECC, currently James France, to foster collaboration and drive forward toxicology initiatives that enhance emergency care standards.

Role responsibilities: The Toxicology SIG Chair will lead / oversee the activity of the committee and chair committee meetings, liaise with other committees and external bodies where relevant.

Committee remit: Devise a strategy and work programme for approval by the Best Practice Sub-Committee focussed on improving the care for toxicology patients presenting to the Emergency Department.

What can you expect from us?

- You will have the opportunity to:
 - Influence EM policy and produce cutting edge new guidance.
 - Meet and collaborate with consultants and EM staff who share similar values.
 - Participate in the development of EM study days and presentations.
 - Represent RCEM at stakeholder events.
 - Receive support and guidance in the role from the RCEM Quality Team and cluster chair.

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This is an honorary post and while no financial honorarium is offered for the postholder, the College will reimburse all post-related expenses (e.g. travel to meetings).

What can we expect from you?

- Attend and chair all Toxicology SIG committee meetings (Formal Quarterly virtual meetings with ad hoc additional meetings as required. One of the quarterly meetings per annum would be face to face).
- Represent the College at other meetings when necessary.
- Offer the time commitment required to proactively support and contribute to the group's ongoing strategy and workstreams.
- Provide innovative ideas to further embed toxicology expertise into the ED.
- Champion toxicology initiatives within your own ED, promoting and encouraging engagement with toxicology interventions.
- Share and promote RCEM committee work within your own professional community.
- Review or contribute to national bodies' work when requested.
- Assist with RCEM member queries concerning toxicology issues forwarded by RCEM staff.
- Collaborate and engage with relevant faculties, institutions, and agencies, to embed toxicology into emergency medicine, (such as Health Education England, NICE, academic institutions).

How to apply: To apply for the position please send a CV and single A4 page personal statement to Caitlin Lindsay-Smith - Caitlin.Lindsay-Smith@rcem.ac.uk by **11/04/2025**.

Your personal statement should outline your relevant experience and how you meet the person specification. Please note that interviews will likely be conducted via **Zoom** or telephone call.

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Person Specification

Essential	Desirable
Practical experience and skills	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellow of the College (all categories of membership welcome) and holder of FRCEM • Demonstrable interest and expertise in toxicology, as well as at least 2 years' experience working in a UK emergency department as a senior clinical decision maker • Strong verbal and written communication skills • Evidence of continuing personal development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record of successful experience in quality work • Excellent knowledge of developments in the emergency medicine field • Computer literate (Excel, Word)
Personal Qualities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attention to detail • Ability to prioritise and work to tight deadlines • Self-motivated and innovative • Good interpersonal skills • Professional manner and appearance • Ability to work independently • A commitment to upholding the organisation's values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to motivate others to perform to deadlines by using influencing skills

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