

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**Thursday 15 October 2020, 16:15 – 16:45**

NOTICE is hereby given that a General Meeting of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health Care of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) will be held on-line at 16.15 – 16:45 on Thursday 15 October 2020.

If you wish to attend please [register online](#) by 17:00 on Monday 12 October 2020.

General Meeting of the FSRH 2020**AGENDA****1. Minutes of 2019 AGM****2. Report and Accounts**

To receive the directors' report and audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019

3. President's overview

Dr Asha Kasliwal will present an overview of the year and answer questions from members (submitted in advance via the [online event booking form](#)).

4. Appointment of Auditors

To re-appoint Crowe as auditors and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.

5. Council Elections

To elect Council members in accordance with the ballot.

6. AOB

By order of the Council

Jane Hatfield
CEO

Proxy voting

If you cannot attend you can nominate a proxy to vote on your behalf. This can be somebody who is attending to vote for you or enabling the chairman (the President) to vote in your absence. Please complete this very [short online form](#) in order to nominate a proxy – this helps us to ensure we have enough votes at the AGM. You can nominate a proxy by 17:00 on Monday 12 October.

President's Statement Covering the Year 2019

2019: a new strategy and a new home

Following a long period of consultation with members and stakeholders, we launched our new strategy which will guide our work from 2020 to 2025. This sets out how we will work towards our vision of high quality sexual and reproductive health at every stage of our lives.

We also moved office in late 2019 with the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to their wonderful new building in London Bridge. A new strategy and a new home to facilitate our on-going journey of modernisation to ensure we can provide excellent services and benefits to all our members and to the public as a whole. Our offices now include a good-sized committee room with video conferencing facilities which we hope will make things easier for our many committee members on whose time and skills we rely.

We are committed to developing our qualifications and training offer to meet the needs of our members and the wider SRH healthcare professional workforce - to enable them to deliver effective and safe SRH care.

Our Diploma Review project is making good progress and we are on track to launch our redesigned DFSRH in Autumn 2020. We also launched a new Essentials of Contraception for Midwives course in late 2019, with 70 registered facilitators and 88 participants. We are attracting an increasingly diverse range of healthcare professionals to do our training and qualifications and we welcome this.

With a membership over 15,000 doctors, nurses and a range of affiliate members, we look forward to serving an increasingly diverse membership in the coming years.

SRH policy wins in 2019

In 2019, together with partners, FSRH was successful in raising awareness of the many challenges facing the funding and commissioning of SRH services across all parts of the UK. I have personally given oral evidence to the Health Select Committee Inquiry on Sexual Health and to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on SRH for its Inquiry into Access to Contraception.

We campaigned with the wider sector for an increase to the Public Health budget, which was confirmed by the Government. We also built a coalition with the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG), the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and secured a commitment by the Government to review the commissioning of SRH services, which led to a pledge to develop a national Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy.

We achieved our policy goal to ensure the Government's Relationships and Sex Education guidance is clear about teaching on all pregnancy options and contraceptive methods. We also launched a FSRH-RCOG Abortion Factsheet to support relationships and sex education in secondary schools, endorsed by Public Health England (PHE), the Sex Education Forum and the PSHE Association.



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Working with partners, we briefed MPs on decriminalisation of abortion in the UK, following up on relevant votes in Parliament, issuing public statements and speaking with the press about women's right to access full SRH care without embarrassment or stigma.

Finally, we launched our flagship report about the potential to embed SRH services in new care models such as Primary Care Networks (PCNs).

These are all important developments, and in 2020 we will strive to place women's health as well as sexual and reproductive health even higher on the political agenda.

We are aware, that despite these achievements, there is also much to do. We know these are challenging times with many healthcare professionals working in services that are facing cuts, coupled with increases in demand.

I am also conscious, writing this, that 2020 will not be a straightforward year for any of us as we face the significant challenges of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. There is no doubt that this will change the services we support and the way we work – I hope, ultimately, in positive ways once we have got through the difficult months of caring for all those affected by the virus.

Thank you for your time and support

I would like to thank our members, staff and all those who have given their time on FSRH committees, Council, trustee Board and as Trainers. It is their expertise, support and knowledge that makes us increasingly effective and influential.

I know we can count on their continued support in 2020 and beyond.

Dr Asha Kasliwal
President
Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare