# Role Description – FSRH Council member – elected members

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<td>Reporting to</td>
<td>The President, who is also the Chair of Council &amp; the Chair of Board of Trustees</td>
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<td>About the FSRH’s Council</td>
<td>Council is the professional, membership body of the FSRH, responsible for implementing its mission and contributing its clinical expertise to meeting long-term goals and aims. Council have oversight of professional and clinical matters related to SRH and the specialty including;</td>
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|  | ✦ Education and Training  
|  | ✦ Clinical standards  
|  | ✦ Clinical guidance  
|  | ✦ Supporting the leadership and development of the workforce  
|  | ✦ Ensuring the views of the membership are considered in FSRH discussions  
|  | ✦ Admission and removal of Faculty membership  
|  | ✦ Liaising on such matters with other organisations  
|  | ✦ All Council activity must be in line with the mission, goals, ethos and values of the FSRH.  
| The Council can establish Committees (we currently have 17) to carry out any aspect of its work (once approved in the budget) and Council are responsible for overseeing the work of these Committees. |
| Council input into, make recommendations to and advise the Board of Trustees on clinical and professional issues. |
| Council members participate in an annual strategy meeting held in partnership with the Board of Trustees to review and discuss longer term strategy. |
### Members of Council

- the President;
- the five other Officers;
- one person nominated in writing by the RCOG (“College Nominee”);
- up to six FSRH Fellows or Members (“Elected Member”);
- up to four FSRH Diplomates or Nurse Diplomates (“Elected member”);
- up to six co-opted members appointed by the Council (“Co-opted members of the Council”).

### Role and responsibilities

Being part of the Council offers the opportunity to impact the direction of the FSRH and input strategically into its work. It can help you broaden your knowledge of SRH and widen your network of contacts. It is can also be a good personal CPD opportunity.

**Elected Council members:**

- Attend and actively participate in Council meetings. Council meet three times a year usually on a Thursday. Meetings are currently being held via Zoom but are usually held in our office in London near London Bridge.
- Bring members’ views into the discussions
- Elect the President and Officers
- Input into strategic decisions of the FSRH
- Shape the professional work of the FSRH
- Develop good links with the Board of Trustees
- Review the work of FSRH’s committees
- Contribute to other FSRH work (optional)

### Terms of role

- To represent the FSRH and its charitable aims.
- Three-year tenure, members are then able to nominate themselves for a second three-year tenure through the nomination/election process.
- To commit to actions and discussions outside of meetings.
- To read documents in advance of meetings to enable effective use of time.
- The role is not paid, travel expenses will be covered.
- To comply with FSRH’s data protection policies.
- To treat Council documents and information confidentially

### Eligibility – criteria

- Be a member by qualification (Diplomate, Fellow or Member) of FSRH
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<td>➤ An understanding and interest in SRH and its wider role in population health, both in the UK and globally.</td>
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<td>➤ Ability to think strategically and to input into discussions.</td>
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<td>➤ An interest in women’s health.</td>
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<td>➤ Supportive of the mission, goals, ethos and values of the FSRH.</td>
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<td>Diversity and inclusion</td>
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<td>➤ Previous experience of committee work or working groups.</td>
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<td>➤ Awareness of FSRH roles and structure.</td>
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FSRH is committed to diversity on its Council and committees. Applications are encouraged from all members of our community.