

## Terms of Reference

<b>Purpose</b>	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.
<b>Reporting Mechanism</b>	To the FSRH Board of Trustees
<b>Roles and Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ To input into the FSRH overall strategy and to ensure the work carried out by the committees reporting into Council aligns to the strategy and the wider mission, goals, ethos and values of the FSRH.</li> <li>▶ To debate, develop, advise and recommend actions on professional and clinical matters related to SRH and the speciality including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Education and training</li> <li>▶ Clinical standards</li> <li>▶ Clinical guidance</li> <li>▶ Supporting the leadership and development of the workforce</li> <li>▶ Ensuring the views of the membership are considered in FSRH discussions</li> <li>▶ Admission and removal of Faculty membership</li> <li>▶ Liaising on such matters with other organisations</li> </ul> </li> <li>▶ To oversee the work of the all the committees that report into Council</li> <li>▶ To work together as a body to ensure effective leadership, influence and timely decision making</li> </ul>
<b>Chair</b>	Council is chaired by the President. The President is elected from Council. If the President isn't available, the Senior Vice President will chair.
<b>Membership</b>	<p>Council is comprised of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ the President;</li> <li>▶ the five other Officers;</li> <li>▶ up to six elected FSRH Fellows or Members;</li> <li>▶ up to four elected FSRH Diplomates;</li> <li>▶ one person nominated by RCOG</li> <li>▶ up to six co-opted members appointed by the Council; which should include at least one representative for service users</li> </ul> <p>The typical term for elected members is three years, with the option to stand for election for a second term. It is two years for co-opted members, with Council being able to co-opt the member back for further terms.</p> <p>The work of the Council will be supported by FSRH staff who will attend as required.</p>
<b>Attendance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Council meets three times a year, including one joint meeting with the Board of Trustees.</li> <li>▶ Council members are to attend all meetings where possible. If a Council member fails to attend two consecutive meetings (unless there are mitigating circumstances) s/he will be asked to leave Council. If a member is not able to attend either in person or via tele/video conference, they are expected to read the papers, and comment on them as appropriate prior to the meeting.</li> <li>▶ It is important for members to be actively engaged with the work of Council during and between meetings. To be <i>quorate</i>, 50% of members need to attend or be present by phone.</li> </ul>
<b>Voting at Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ All members of Council can vote – a majority decision is binding.</li> </ul>