FSRH President – Role Description

The President of the FSRH is the elected representative of the members of the FSRH and chairs both the Board of Trustees and Council.

As Chair of the Board of Trustees, the President:

- Ensures the trustees undertake the legal duties and obligations of the FSRH.
- Ensures that the FSRH meets and furthers its charitable objectives.
- Monitors the performance of the Chief Executive.

As Chair of the Board, the President ensures that the Board oversees the strategic development of the FSRH and, with Officers, the Council and the Chief Executive, ensures delivery of the Faculty’s strategic objectives.

As the President of Council, the President is responsible for ensuring that Council represents the views of the membership and contributes its professional and clinical expertise to further the charitable objectives of the FSRH.

The President is the main spokesperson for the FSRH externally, nationally and internationally delegating these functions as appropriate.

The President represents the FSRH at external meetings and events including undertaking to be the Faculty’s representative on the Councils of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

The President attends and contributes to the work of FSRH committees and working groups.

The President communicates regularly with Officers and the Chief Executive between Council and Board meetings.

**Main duties**

1. Acts as an ambassador and champion for the science and practice of sexual and reproductive healthcare.
2. Chairs the FSRH Council which is the elected professional body responsible for all Faculty professional, clinical and scientific matters.
3. Chairs the FSRH Board of Trustees which has responsibility for the governance of the FSRH as a charity and limited company.
4. Ensures that the FSRH meets its charitable objectives and operates in keeping with its Memorandum and Articles and any other relevant regulations - the beneficiaries being people in the UK and throughout the world.
5. With support from the Chief Executive, ensures that the Charity acts in accordance with charity law.
6. Ensures that the FSRH operates within the resources available to it and that funds are used effectively to ensure the long term viability of the Faculty.
7. Creates strong relationships with national and international bodies to support the work of the Faculty, e.g., the Department of Health in England, Public Health England, the NHS nationally and locally, the devolved administrations, regulatory bodies, NGOs, opinion formers and standard setters, to promote excellence in the delivery of sexual and reproductive healthcare.
8. Ensures that the FSRH serves its members and addresses their concerns.
9. Leads the team of Officers and Chief Executive, agreeing objectives with them to progress the work of the FSRH.
10. Leads the strategic planning for the FSRH, supported by the Officers and Chief Executive.
11. Encourages innovation and development to ensure that FSRH activities are progressive and relevant to changes in policy, medicine and patient expectations.
12. Acts as the chief spokesperson for the FSRH.
13. Appraises Officers and the Chief Executive.

Key working relationships at the FSRH

- Officers
- Council
- Chief Executive and senior staff members
- Committee Chairs

Key external relationships

Key partner organisations, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, RCGP, FPA, NICE, GMC, NMC, specialist societies (including BASHH), and other Faculties and Royal Colleges.

In addition to the above the President will have a wide set of working relationships, including, the Department of Health in England, the NHS throughout the UK, Royal College of Nursing, RCOG, BMA, health policy bodies, women’s health charities, independent sector.

Commitments
The Presidential role is demanding and requires significant work at the FSRH in London and almost daily attendance to Faculty matters. In addition, there are often engagements at the weekends and in the evenings.

National and overseas travel is sometimes required.

The President is required to chair all Council meetings, Fellowship and Membership admission ceremonies, and other notable Boards and committees. The President also attends a number of other meetings, both ex officio and by invitation.

As the ambassador of the Faculty the President will attend many events of partner organisations and will be expected to represent the Faculty at many high-profile meetings. These will often involve senior members of the UK Governments, national and overseas Governments, members of royal families, and senior civil servants and diplomats.

**Terms**

The President shall hold office for 3 years and shall be eligible for re-election to this office for a further 3 year term but no more. Officers of the Faculty are elected by Council in accordance with Faculty by-laws (available on request).

The position is not remunerated, although the FSRH will reimburse travel and subsistence expenses incurred on official duties.

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