

Devolved Nations Committees -Terms of Reference

Purpose

- Promote the work of the FSRH and raise the profile of FSRH in Northern Ireland
- Provide FSRH with an understanding of the devolved nation context and challenges which may be different from other devolved nations
- Support FSRH in identifying, contextualising and responding to Northern Ireland-specific issues
- Support implementation of FSRH vision and FSRH policies
- Provide support for clinical leadership in SRH across Local Health Boards
- Contribute to local, regional and national policy development and implementation
- Support best practice by contributing to and implementing relevant standards, guideline and policy development
- Share good practice, ideas and challenges between members and clinicians in SRH across Northern Ireland
- Ensure that the committee is representative of Northern Irish members' needs
- Act as expert resource for Northern Ireland FSRH FRTs and general training TPDs as required

Membership

In addition to the Chair, membership will consist of:

- FSRH Members/Fellows and Diplomates
- One CSRH Specialty Trainee
- One senior nurse working within the field of sexual and reproductive healthcare
- One General Practitioner working within the field of sexual and reproductive healthcare
- One co-opted representative from the relevant national committee of RCOG
- Membership may be further enhanced with the agreement of committee.

Appointment of Committee members

- The appointment of new committee members will be by an advertisement initially to FSRH members working within the devolved nation, followed by a vote by Committee members.
- Committee members will normally serve for a three-year term, with an option to serve a second three-year term, subject to the agreement of the FSRH Officers. Trainee members will usually serve a two-year term.

Attendance and workload

- It is important for members to be engaged with the work of FSRH and the committee. If a member is not able to attend either in person or via teleconference, they are expected to read the papers, and comment on them as appropriate.

- If a committee member fails to attend repeated meetings or send a deputy (unless there are mitigating circumstances) they will be asked if they wish to continue as a member.
- There is an expectation that members will take on work between committees.

Quoracy

- Quoracy is set at 50% and the Chair.