JOB DESCRIPTION - Member of the Portfolio Assessment Group

Job Title: Member of the Portfolio Assessment Group

Responsible to: Chair of the Portfolio Assessment Group

Accountable to: Chair of the Portfolio Pathway (formally CESR) Executive Committee

THE PURPOSE

The purpose of the Portfolio Assessment Group is to carry out those functions necessary to enable the College to make recommendations to the General Medical Council (GMC), regarding those matters about which the GMC must be satisfied for the purpose of carrying out the functions conferred on that authority by the General and Specialist Medical Practice (Education, Training and Qualifications) Order.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- To play an active role in the assessment of individual applications for entry to the GMC Specialist Register
- To engage in the continuous development of processes and procedures to support the assessment of knowledge, skills and experience in accordance with the GMC's regulations and guidelines
- To be fully conversant with GMC regulations in relation to portfolio pathways and keep up to date with changes
- To give full and fair consideration to equality and diversity whilst ensuring that the integrity of the portfolio pathway is upheld
- To uphold the vision and values of the RCoA
- To draw any matter of concern to the attention of the Chair of the Portfolio Pathway Executive Committee

COMMITMENT

The role holder will be expected to commit to at least six meetings per year (one in person) and evaluate a minimum of four applications per year, and more frequently if the workload so requires.

The normal term will be three years, renewable for a further three years. Further extension may be granted at the discretion of the Portfolio Pathway Executive Committee.

PERSON SPECIFICATION – Member of the Portfolio Assessment Group

Professional Requirements Essential Practising substantive consultant anaesthetists in the NHS Member of the Royal College of Anaesthetists in good standing Possession of full GMC registration, without limitation Professional/Technical and Occupational Training Essential Demonstrable commitment to ongoing assessment and training Equality and diversity training within the last three years Participation in revalidation, annual appraisal and adherence to CPD requirements Have status as a recognised trainer/be on the Recognition of Trainers register Desirable Attendance as an observer of a Portfolio Assessment Group meeting, either remotely or in person Experience

Essential

Active involvement and commitment to education and training

Minimum of two years' experience as an Educational Supervisor

Desirable

Previous experience of gaining GMC specialist registration through the Portfolio Pathway process

Previous experience as a Head of School, Training Programme Director, Regional Adviser, Deputy Regional Adviser or College Tutor

Skills and Knowledge

Essential

Excellent written and verbal communication skills

Thorough knowledge of the current CCT programme in anaesthesia

Team player

Demonstration of courtesy, fairness and non-discrimination to applicants and fellow group members

Personal Attributes

Essential

Highly self-motivated

Meticulous attention to detail

Ability to form excellent working relationships

Friendly and consultative attitude

Willingness to contribute to the wider aims of the College strategy to support the Portfolio Pathway process

EXPENSES

The reasonable travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses of those invited to attend Portfolio Assessment Group meetings shall be met in accordance with published College guidance, if required. Those attending meetings as representatives of external organisations will not be offered expenses except with the Chair of the Portfolio Pathway Executive Committee and Director's prior knowledge and approval.