



New College Tutors' Meeting

12 & 13 February 2026



Venue: Royal College of Anaesthetists, Churchill House, 35 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4SG

Event Organisers: Dr Rachael Hopper and Dr Kaj Kamalanathan

The New Tutors Training Programme aims to help newly appointed Tutors understand their role and responsibilities and how they interact with the College. It will also include discussions and workshops on current training issues: Exams, Assessments and Feedback, Dealing with Equality-Related Situations involving Trainees and Trainees needing extra support. In addition, there will be an opportunity for Tutors to raise particular issues which may be of concern to them.

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09:30 - 10.00 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

10:00 - 10:05 Welcome Dr Sarah Thornton, RCoA Vice-President

Session 1 - Chair: Dr Rachael Hopper, Lead Tutor

10:05 - 10:15 How to be a College Tutor Dr Rachael Hopper/ Dr Kaj Kamalanathan, Lead College Tutors

10:15 - 10:30 Introduction to the Education, Training and Examinations Directorate Mr Steve Beglan-Witt, Associate Director of Education, Training and Examinations

10:30 - 10:55 Novice Starter Pack Dr Gemma Scotland, Lead College Tutor (elect)

10:55 - 11:20 GMC National Training Survey – areas for improvement Dr Sarah Thornton, RCoA Vice-President

11:20 - 11:40 REFRESHMENTS Café

Session 2 - Chair: Dr Rachael Hopper, Lead Tutor

11:40 – 12:05 Managing ACCS Trainees Dr Suzy O'Neill, ICACCST Committee, ACCS (Anaesthesia) **(remote)**

12:05 - 12:30 Portfolio Pathway doctors Dr Poppy Mackie, Consultant Anaesthetist, University Hospital Southampton, CESR Aanaesthetic Training Programme

12:30-13:00 Rostering Dr Kaj Kamalanathan, Lead College Tutor

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH Café

Session 3 – Chair: Dr Rachael Hopper, Lead Tutor

14:05-15:05 Assessments and Feedback Dr Gethin Pugh, Consultant Anaesthetist, Wales Past-Chair, RCoA Curriculum Development Group

15:05 – 15:30 REFRESHMENTS Café

15:30 – 16:30 Dealing with Equality-Related Situations involving Trainees Miss Josie Hastings, Trainer, Consultant, Coach & Author

16:30 CLOSE

18:30 Dinner at [Antalya Restaurant](#) - 103-105 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4HH



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Session 4 - Chair: Dr Gemma Scotland, Lead Tutor elect

09:30 - 10:00 National Recruitment Dr Stephen Robb, Consultant Anaesthetist & Anaesthetics Recruitment Executive Committee Chair

10:00 -10:50 Induction and Supervision of Trainees Dr Rachael Hopper, Lead College Tutor

10:50 - 11:10 REFRESHMENTS Café

Session 5 - Chair: Dr Kaj Kamalanathan, Lead Tutor

11:10 - 12:10 Examinations update Dr Coralie Carle, RCOA Examiner & Chair of the Primary FRCA and Dr Helen Burdett, Chair Final FRCA & Consultant Anaesthetist, Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust

12:10 – 12:30 Slido Q&A Dr Rachael Hopper, Dr Kaj Kamalanathan & Dr Gemma Scotland - Lead College Tutors

12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH

Session 6: Workshops (13:30 – 14:30)

Lecture Room Less than full-time training Dr Vicky Scott-Warren, Bernard Johnson Adviser (LTFT)

Gallery 1 Trainees needing extra support Dr Emma Plunkett, Consultant Anaesthetist, Queen Elizabeth Hospital

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****Programme & speakers subject to change****