

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 Anaesthetic 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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09:00 – 09:30	REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS	
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	
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
14:30 – 14:55	REFRESHMENTS	
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****Programme & speakers subject to change****