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Consultant physician and gastroenterologist, Royal Derby Hospital. RCP Registrar.

The next RCP President will inherit a great organisation in a time of great change. To meet the many challenges we face, the President needs to be engaging, experienced and energetic. I believe I have these qualities.

I envision an RCP that is listened to and respected by NHS leaders and politicians as the voice of our profession, by showing that we understand what support doctors on the ground need and by providing for those needs. I want an NHS that is true to its original values, with the workforce and capacity it needs; planned for long term, rather than in political cycles. I want an RCP that all members across the world are proud to be a part of, with sustainable high quality patient care as our core purpose.

The challenges we as physicians and the RCP face are:

- NHS workforce shortages combined with ever increasing demand for acute and specialty care
- Political uncertainty, austerity and a government distracted by Brexit
- A medical team demoralised by the junior doctor contract and loss of traditional structures
- Threats to specialty training from the demands of the acute take and an uncertain future with a new internal medicine curriculum
- Spiralling issues with obesity, alcohol and social inequalities
- Too often, poor local support for physicians in the workplace.

If elected I will put these challenges at the centre of what the RCP stands for. My priorities are:

- Our workforce - pressing for a doubling of medical student numbers. Until that happens immigration policies that support the workforce and removal of the barriers which lead to early retirement
- Training - ensuring training time is sufficient to provide high quality doctors in the specialties and a well-supported acute take, developing the MRCP so it remains the best clinical exam in the world and ensuring trainers and supervisors have the time they need
- Consultant working lives - re-asserting consultant autonomy and professional identity, providing relevant and modern educational experiences and providing local support
- Public health - clearly articulating the issues supported by legislation on obesity, alcohol and social inequality
- RCP policy - establishing clear policy statements on the big issues so everyone knows 'what the RCP thinks'
- International - development of 3 international offices to support overseas members with a voice on the world stage and improved working with representative organisations like BAPIO
- Clinical research - making participation in clinical research easier and a seamless part of the NHS.

All candidates will share similar views, so why should you vote for me to lead the RCP?

- I'm (relatively) young. The RCP must be seen as a vibrant organisation that is relevant today and moving forward
- I understand the real pressures we face. Working in Derby I will continue to do acute take at weekends and overnight allowing me to 'tell it as it is' and showing the RCP is not just a building in London
- I can hit the ground running. As current RCP Registrar and former workforce lead I know the RCP 'warts and all' and have excellent working relationships with the staff, regional teams, medical specialties and arms-length bodies. I have regularly deputised for the President
- I am passionate about the RCP and the values it stands for. I firmly believe 'medicine is brilliant'. I helped write the 2018 RCP Charter which sums up what I think we are about as physicians. The RCP is in my core not just on my CV.

I believe we can thrive despite the challenges we face. To do so, though, we must be united as physicians whatever our specialty, career grade or workplace. Bound together we will be unbreakable.

Curriculum vitae

Dr Andrew Francis GODDARD
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EDUCATION

City of London Freeman's School 1977-1985
St John's College, Cambridge 1985-1990
Medical JHO and SHO, Addenbrooke's hospital 1991-93
Research Fellow, Nottingham University 1994-97
Specialist Registrar Mid-Trent rotation 1997-2001

QUALIFICATIONS

BA 1988
MB BChir 1990
MRCP (UK) 1993
MA 1997

MD 1997
FRCP 2005

APPOINTMENTS AND ROLES

Current:

Consultant physician and gastroenterologist, Royal Derby Hospital 2002-present
RCP Registrar, 2014-present
Chair, Gastroduodenal section, British Society of Gastroenterology 2017-present

Previous:

Director, RCP Medical Workforce Unit, 2008-2013
Chair, RCP New Consultants Committee, 2005-7
RCP College Tutor, Derby Hospitals, 2005-8

OTHER POSITIONS HELD

Current:

Director, South Derbyshire Bowel Cancer Screening Centre 2007-present
Chair, RCP International Executive, 2014-present
Chair, RCP Expert advisory group on commissioning, 2014-present
Chair, RCP GIM advisory group, 2016-present
Council member, Association of British Neurologists, 2014-present
Council member, Royal College of Emergency Medicine, 2014-present
Member, NHS England Prescribed Specialised Services Advisory Group, 2014-present
PACES examiner, 2017-present
RCP lead on sustainability
RCP lead on EU issues and Brexit
Board member, Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine 2014-present
Board member, Faculty of Physician Associates 2016-present

Previous:

Chair, Academy of Medical Royal Colleges Revalidation Portfolio Cohort, 2010-17
Member, National Bowel Cancer Screening Board Evaluation Board, 2009-16
Member, National Bowel Cancer Screening System Board, 2010-12
Endoscopy lead, Derby Hospitals, 2003-10
Chair, Clinical Effectiveness Group, Royal Derby Hospital 2009-13

ANY OTHER INFORMATION

Clinical Research:

I remain active in clinical research as local PI for several studies (e.g. AspECT, seAFood) and on-going collaborative research on *H. pylori*. I have published over 50 peer-reviewed papers and am lead author for two national guidelines (iron deficiency anaemia, gastric polyps). I am co-investigator on an NIHR funded study looking at generalism in smaller hospitals.

Key RCP reports I have co-authored:

The Medical Registrar: Empowering the unsung heroes of patient care 2013
Future Hospital: Caring for patients (Future hospital commission report) 2013
Keeping medicine brilliant: Improving working conditions in the acute setting 2016
Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs): What do they mean for physicians? 2016
Referring wisely 2017

RCP working parties I have been a member of:

National Early Warning Score 2014-17
Air pollution 2014-16

International:

I co-wrote the RCP International Strategy for 2016-20 and have led RCP delegations to the UAE, Jordan, USA and East Africa. I oversee the international department ably led by Professor Jawad and am responsible for support for international fellows.

RCP Registrar:

As well as all of the above, as RCP Registrar I am responsible for clinical and professional matters. I oversee all the RCP responses to consultations from external bodies, attend joint committee meetings with all the medical specialties and am responsible for our advisory appointments committee (AAC) support. I also oversee the tri-annual fellowship process and ceremonies, membership ceremonies and disciplinary matters. Invited service reviews, careers and the medical workforce unit all fall under my remit. I am responsible for the English regional offices, the Wales and Northern Ireland offices and have visited over 50 hospitals over the past 4 years.

Declaration of personal Interests and good standing

Do you or any of your immediate family receive sponsorship or paid consultancy work within commercial organisations related to the work of the College?	No
Do you or any member of your immediate family have any commercial interest such as personal shares with any company related to the work of the College?	No
Does your department or unit receive financial support from commercial organisations related to the work of the College?	No
Are you a consultant or member of any national body, charity or pressure group whose work is related to that of the College?	Yes
I am a member of the British Society of Gastroenterology and Chair of its Gastroduodenal Section I am a member of the British Medical Association	
Do you receive significant editorial fees for commissioned articles for publications (in any format) or are you paid for editorial work for any publication related to the work of the College?	No
Do you or your department hold a patent (existing or pending) related to the work of the College?	No
Do you hold membership of any political party or private organisation that could have a bearing on the work of the College?	No