

Role description for Regional Trainee Representatives for the Sunflower Study

We are seeking highly motivated and enthusiastic trainee doctors to join our team and support the recruitment of the Sunflower study - the UK's largest surgical randomised controlled trial (RCT).

The Sunflower study is a large, multi-centre RCT that aims to understand if testing for bile duct stones with MRCP before cholecystectomy is beneficial or not. It has an ambitious recruitment target (c13,500 patients) and is recruiting in over 50 NHS Trusts across the UK.

Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on recruitment, we want to renew momentum for the final stages of the study. Research insight and involvement is now a requirement for CCT and this is a unique opportunity to develop high-level research, organisational, leadership and networking skills.

We will be appointing regional trainee representatives in the following areas:

- Scotland/ Northern Ireland/ Wales - 1 position
- North East & Cumbria - 1 position
- North West - 2 positions
- Yorkshire and the Humber - 2 positions
- Midlands - 2 positions
- East of England & Thames Valley - 1 position
- London - 2 positions
- KSS - 1 position
- Wessex & Peninsula & Isle of Wight - 2 positions

Main purpose of the role:

- To raise the profile of the Sunflower Study among trainees within your region.
- To liaise with trainees within your region and be their point of contact.
- To improve your region's recruitment figures by motivating and encouraging its trainees in patient recruitment.

Responsibilities will include:

- Attending meetings with the Sunflower Study Trainee Executive Group (TEG).
- Encouraging the identification and appointment of Associate PI's (two per Trust) and radiology API (one per Trust).
- Involvement in raising the profile of the Sunflower Study and trainee recruitment (social media, conferences etc).

- Contributing to plans for incentivising trainees to become and remain involved in the study.
- Being an additional point of contact for all trainees working on the study and completing the Associate PI scheme via the Sunflower study.

We anticipate these tasks will take approximately one hour per week, with an hour-long TEG Sunflower study meeting every 1 - 2 months.

Essential criteria:

- Applicants must currently be a trainee with at least 12 months left before CCT.
- Applicants must be on their site's delegation log and have experience of contributing to the Sunflower study, ideally as a previous or current Associate PI.
- Applicants are expected to be approachable and willing to support trainees with patient recruitment for the Sunflower study, acting as a leader in their region for trainees participating in the study.

Additional criteria:

- Applicants will ideally have experience of delivering surgical research at a national level.

Application process:

Submit a **250 word** personal statement detailing how you meet the requirements of the role, your reasons for applying, and the skills you would bring to the study. **Deadline 21st October.**

If you require any further information or advice, please contact either Honorary Trainee Representative:

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Please send your personal statement to the Sunflower Trainee Administrator by email:

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Thank you, and good luck!