**Opportunity to take forward a new work stream on Remote and Rural Medicine**

**Background**

In 2015 the College appointed its first adviser in remote and rural affairs (RRA). This was intended to address the specific challenges facing physicians practising in remote and rural areas across the UK. Planning the work programme and recruiting a virtual reference group has been delayed due to necessary work on the College’s 5 year strategy.

The post will become vacant later this year and the College seeks to appoint a new RRA to take this work forward.

**JOB DESCRIPTION FOR REMOTE AND RURAL ADVISER (RRA)**

**Reporting to:** Director of Quality Research and Standards

**Job Purpose:** To act as the College lead on remote and rural affairs including but not restricted to service developments, clinical standards, research, revalidation and CPD and education.

**Term of Office: 3** years

**KEY AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

**Establishing a new Virtual Reference Group for Remote and Rural Matters**

• Working with the Director of QRS to identify and recruit a reference group

• Chairing the virtual reference group

**Education and Training**

* Contributing remote and rural perspectives on our educational programme;
* Promoting video linked educational events and web-based educational material College educational material including the on line portal;
* Identifying training opportunities in UK for overseas doctors.
* Encouraging submissions to the College Journal.

**Quality and Research**

* Contributing to invited service reviews in remote and rural locations
* Encouraging research into remote and rural challenges
* Encouraging research participation by teams in remote and rural location

**Communications**

• Arranging and supporting Presidential visits within remote areas of the UK as required;

• Developing and stimulating contributions to a remote and rural section of the College website.

**MRCP(UK) Examination**

• Encouraging Fellows to participate as examiners to foster networking.

**Professional and Policy Developments**

* Providing informed views on remote and rural policy initiatives for the College;
* Contributing to national debates on workforce planning for remote and rural areas.
* Contributing to developments in integration agendas in remote and rural areas
* Contributing to resource and workforce sustainability developments

**Membership Support**

• Encouraging new Collegiate Members;

• Identifying nominations for Fellowship;

• Providing support for SAS and trust grade doctors working in remote and rural areas.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

**Essential**

* Fellow in “Good Standing”
* Fellow in current clinical practice in a remote or rural area of the UK
* A practising physician at the time of his/her appointment and for the *duration* of the appointment.
* Interest in service development, quality improvement or education
* interest in health policy across the 4 nations within the UK
* Chairing experience at national level

**Desirable**

* Interest in CPD, revalidation or research as applied to remote and rural practice
* Well-established networks or experience of developing such networks would be an advantage
* Interest/ experience of developing sustainable future models of practice in R&R settings
* Well-developed communication skills (preferably electronic) would be an advantage

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