

Patient Representative Open Council of the Vascular Society

Purpose

The Vascular Society is committed to listening to the ‘patient voice’ when making decisions on how vascular services should be delivered in the UK and Ireland. This is to ensure the patient is the focus of everything we do, leading to improved patient safety, experience and outcome.

We have excellent working relationships with several UK vascular disease patient led charities. However, these are disease specific, and we are looking to appoint a patient representative to Council who can advocate for all people living with vascular disease.

Council will look to them for their guidance on patient needs, concerns and experiences; and to provide accountability for patients’ responses to proposals being discussed.

Role

Attend the four Open Council meetings of the Vascular Society each year (February, May, September and November- held in person, with the option to join online).

The successful applicant would also be given Associate Membership of the Society, and is encouraged to attend the Vascular Society Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM).

The post holder would also be encouraged to reach out to patient groups and charities.

Attributes

To be successful in this role we are looking to appoint someone with the following experience and attributes to be a strong advocate for the patients we care for, and their relatives:

Essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Lived experience’ of vascular disease as a patient, family member or care giver. • Strong communication skills; able to convey information and listen effectively. • Empathy and self-awareness; able to represent the views of others as well as their own. • Networking; ability to build and maintain positive relationships.
Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of positive impact when undertaking a previous similar role. • Previous patient advocacy or healthcare charity Trustee experience

Term

The term will be for two years with the possibility of renewal for a second 2-year term.

Support

The Vascular Society will provide support to enable the patient representative to fulfil their role effectively, including access to mentorship from a member of the Executive.

Remuneration

This is a voluntary unpaid role.

The VS will provide free Associate membership during the term of office and free registration at the society's ASM.

Travel expenses and accommodation will be provided for attending events in line with VS's current policies (available on request).

Applications

If you would like to be considered, please send to admin@vascularsociety.org.uk:

- A summary Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- A covering letter outlining your suitability for this role, with specific reference to the essential and desirable attributes listed above.

You will receive receipt of your application.

Closing date: Friday 1st August 2025 at 5pm.

Interviews are scheduled for Thursday 11th September (RCS England, London)