

## Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland Elected Council and Presidential Elections

**We encourage members to get involved and engaged in election activities but there are canvassing rules that must be followed to ensure a transparent and fair election.**

### **RULES ON CANVASSING**

1. Members of the society and society officials must comply with these guidelines.
2. For all candidate statements, photographs, and (if they choose to record) video presentation in support of their election will be available to view on the ballot platform (MiVoice).
3. Informal canvassing of colleagues and friends for a candidate is acceptable where it is with their agreement.
4. Canvassing must be through positive promotion, and not through negative campaigning, including personal comments, about other candidates.
5. No candidate should be the subject of discrimination for any reason.
6. Candidates may not send out unsolicited campaign information (by email, messaging app or social media) to the whole membership.
7. Social media can be used to publicise that a candidate is standing in the election. Social medial content may only include information from their candidate statement and/or video.
8. The Vascular Society will remain neutral and will ensure:
  - (a) All candidates are promoted equally and fairly.
  - (b) All candidates are asked the same questions in any debate.
9. Any suspected infringement of these rules should be notified to the responsible officers:

(a) <b>Presidential ballot</b>	Vice President
(b) <b>Elected Council ballot</b>	Honorary Secretary
10. If a candidate is found to have infringed the rules, they will no longer be eligible to stand.
11. If a member not standing in the election has infringed these rules then the Council has the right to impose sanctions, which can extend to a suspension of Society membership and removal of a candidate from the ballot.

VS Elected Council  
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