

Personal statements

2023 Board election

All candidates elected unopposed.

Dr Rebecca Barker

Sherwood Forest Foundation Trust

I am a Consultant Anaesthetist at Sherwood Forest Foundation Trust with experience as Deputy Clinical Chair for our division. I believe in compassionate leadership, which has been even more essential over the last 18 months. I will bring compassion, empathy and strength to this role as well as a desire to support all grades of anaesthetists.

Recently I completed the Oxford University Certificate of Women's Leadership & Development. Without diversity there are blind spots to biases and subconscious loss of depth of knowledge and awareness. I wrote an article in the Bulletin and presented locally in civility forums on Sexism: why everyone should be a feminist.

My mantra is if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem. This applies to actively standing against gender inequality, racism, LGBTQ inequality. As well as climate change and what we can do to promote sustainable working practices.

I am passionate about delivering personalised patient care being the ICB Shared Decision Making Champion. I have worked to motivate and support patients preoperatively to improve fitness and their lifestyles. This has led to me working with community groups and leading work on health inequalities as Core20PLUS5 Ambassador; looking at how we can impact patients and communities long term health opportunities in an accessible manner. I work with community partners, primary care and the ICB trying to reduce siloed working and empowering patients at the centre of their care.

Dr Tendai Ramhewa

University Hospitals Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust, Queens Hospital

I wish to join the Board to help further the objectives of our association in expanding the role of safe anaesthesia in healthcare. I have been a consultant for 9 years and have benefited from the work the Association does through the provision of guidelines, the journal and access to other portals through the Association's website. In that regard I consider myself to be a net recipient. I feel now to be the optimal time for me to make the move and be on the other side of improving the profession and the care we provide for our patients.

I work in a relatively busy DGH in the Midlands providing anaesthesia across a broad range of specialties with a sub-specialty interest in Obstetrics. Whilst I lay no claim to having climbed Mount Everest, completing seven marathons in 7 days or creating a new golden alternative form of propofol with real gold particles, I am quite an affable fellow with a keen eye for introspection. I feel our association would benefit from input from a DGH 'jobbing' NHS consultant.

As an aside I have previously completed the London Marathon, the inaugural Birmingham Marathon that has since appeared to have disappeared and the Derby Half Marathon a couple of times for different causes.

Vote for me. Let's win this together.

Dr Andrzej Wlaszczyk

Wye Valley Trust, Hereford County Hospital

I am Andrzej and I am Consultant Anaesthetist in Hereford since 2006. My major clinical interest is trauma and orthopaedics including busy private practice. Before starting my career in the UK as an

International Consultant Fellow I was working as a Consultant Anaesthetist in my native Poland for 3 years and Iceland for 7 years. I was a member of ASA for many years and attended Annual Meetings in USA almost every year. After attending numerous Association meetings, I became an Association Link for my department in 2014.

I am standing for election to the Board of the Association of Anaesthetists to contribute towards international relations with other associations around the world and to welcome and integrate international graduates within our speciality.

I was involved in leading NELA audit within our department from the beginning 2012 and SPRINT national hip fracture audit in 2014. During COVID time I was within group providing anaesthetic service at Nuffield Health Hereford Hospital for oncology and trauma surgery including nephrectomy, major colorectal and breast. I am interested in exploring teaching experience for trainees within the private sector and helping tackle backlog for elective procedures within NHS.

I believe my strength is in collaboration with and negotiation in multidisciplinary groups within hospital environments.