

Join the Scottish Standing Committee



About the Association of Anaesthetists

The Association of Anaesthetists (the Association) was established in 1932 as the first official body dedicated solely to representing anaesthetists.

The Association is the professional membership organisation for anaesthetists in the UK, Ireland, and across the globe. With around 10,000 members, our mission is to safeguard patients by educating, supporting, and inspiring every anaesthetist throughout their career, enabling them to provide the best care in every healthcare setting. Our four strategic priorities are patient care and safety, education and research, advocacy and support, and innovation and growth. Guided by our motto, *In Somno Securitas* (Safe in Sleep), our vision is to ensure the safety of every patient under our care.



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Our values are embedded in everything we do.

We are:

Committed: We are a respected and independent organisation, committed to speaking up and speaking out on behalf of our members and the anaesthesia community

Trusted: For over 90 years, we have helped to set standards, share knowledge, and support thousands of people in a vital profession. Our expertise matters to our members and globally

Innovative: We look forward, not back. We care about the future of anaesthesia and actively help shape its future on behalf of our members by listening, responding, and innovating

Connected: We are a dynamic, diverse, and inclusive community. We exist because of, and on behalf of, our members

About the Scottish Standing Committee

The Scottish Standing Committee (SSC) represents the Association and its members across Scotland, acknowledging the distinct political and healthcare landscape that sets it apart from the rest of the UK. Since its inaugural meeting in 2001, the SSC has been a strong and consistent advocate for Scottish anaesthetists, tackling issues unique to the profession within this specific context.

We are actively seeking new members and encourage you to consider joining. We recognise the need for broader representation across all regions within Scotland and are committed to improving diversity within the committee. If you want to make a difference, now is the time to step forward.



Under the leadership of our current Convenor, Dr Andrea Harvey, the committee remains dedicated to championing the interests of anaesthetists in Scotland and plays a crucial role in:

- Advising the board on Scottish-specific issues and promoting the Association's mission in Scotland
- Engaging with key stakeholders on matters related to anaesthesia practice
- Ensuring Scottish representation within the Association's committees and working groups
- Working with the Scottish Links to ensure that the network remains connected
- Providing education through the Association of Anaesthetists' Scotland Symposium and other educational offerings

With a presence on the Association's Council, and the Safety, Standards, Environment, and Sustainability Committee, the SSC ensures that the perspectives of Scottish anaesthetists are actively heard and considered.

How can you join the Scottish Standing Committee?

To ensure the continued success of the SSC, we are inviting new members to join.

Eligible nominees must be full members of the Association, residing in Scotland, and in good standing. Each nomination must be proposed and seconded by two other full members residing in Scotland. Members serve a three-year term, with the option for renewal.

The SSC holds three meetings per year, typically via videoconference, but one meeting is held in person at a venue in Scotland. Members may also be asked to represent the SSC on other Association committees and working groups. If multiple nominations are received, an election will be conducted, with full and resident members residing in Scotland eligible to vote.

If you would like more information on the role, and find out how to submit your nomination please scan the QR code.



If you would like to speak to a member of the SSC, please contact us via secretariat@anaesthetists.org.



Why should you join the Scottish Standing Committee?

As a committee member you will have the chance to make a change to the working arrangements for your colleagues:

- Be part of a strong voice advocating for anaesthetists in Scotland on key issues such as working conditions, training, and patient safety
- Influence national and international policies affecting the specialty
- Contribute to discussions on the evolving role of anaesthesia in Scotland
- Play an active role in ensuring high standards of patient care and professional excellence



Not an Association member?
Why not join us?





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Our vision

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Our strategic priorities 2024 to 2029



Patient care and safety

- Advance and improve patient care and safety in the field of anaesthesia.
- Inspire and support our members always to practice with safety in mind.
- Be the leading publisher of anaesthesia safety guidelines and expert advice.



Education and research

- Preserve, develop, and share the heritage of the specialty.
- Develop and provide world class education in anaesthesia.
- Promote global access to anaesthesia education.
- Work in partnership with others to build capacity through national and international research initiatives.



Advocacy and support

- Be the leadership voice for the anaesthesia specialty.
- Represent and advance the interests and wellbeing of our members.
- Protect and support our members throughout their careers.
- Promote anaesthesia as a specialty led by and delivered by doctors.



Innovation and growth

- Research and promote innovations in sustainable working practices for the specialty.
- Use the latest technology to enable us to deliver the best services for our members.
- Promote the diversity, wellbeing, and continuous development of our people.
- Invest wisely, protect, and optimise our assets, and always act with sustainability in mind to ensure the future of the Association.

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