Vacancies: 2 Members of the Palliative Medicine Specialty Certificate Standard Setting Group

The Association of Palliative Medicine and the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK are seeking to appoint a member to the Palliative Medicine SCE Standard Setting Group.

The successful applicant will attend meetings of the Standard Setting Group and will advise on the pass mark to be applied to the Examination paper. Members will be responsible for evaluating the level of difficulty of each question in an examination paper in order to set a pass mark; ensuring that the quality of individual questions is high and that the Examination questions are of an appropriate standard; and keeping abreast of developments in the world of medical education and medical practice ensuring that the examination papers are relevant to the curriculum.

A full list of the post's responsibilities is set out in: *The Responsibilities and Duties of Members of the Part 1, Part 2 and Speciality Certificate Examining Boards.* In addition, a copy of the remit and responsibilities of the examining board can be found on the MRCP(UK) website.

Applicants should meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply:

- hold the MRCP(UK) or an equivalent postgraduate diploma
- be practising as a specialist in palliative medicine, and a member or fellow of one of the three Colleges
- be registered with a licence to practise and in good standing on the GMC specialist register
- be actively engaged in the training of junior doctors in the UK (or within the last two years)
- be up-to-date as appropriate with relevant national guidelines, CPD requirements, employer's equality and diversity training and appraisal process

In addition, it is a requirement for members of the Palliative Medicine SCE Standard Setting Group that they fulfil one or more of the following criteria:

- Be a member of the Question Writing Group or the appropriate Examining Board
- Have considerable knowledge of the examination
- Have experience of standard setting and question writing in an academic environment
- Have an understanding of the principles behind criterion referencing and the Hofstee method, statistical methods used and interpretation of analyses performed on individual items

This is a non-salaried position though all reasonable expenses and travel costs will be met by MRCP(UK) Central Office in line with the Federation expenses policy. The tenure of the appointment is nine years.

Expressions of interest (including a brief CV and a maximum of a single side single of A4 outlining your suitability for the post) should be submitted to the Policy Officer (policy.officer@mrcpuk.org) by 17:00pm 5th February 2021.

All applications will be considered by a panel consisting of the Chair and representatives of the Examining Board and Standard Setting Group

The next Palliative Medicine Standard Setting Group will take place on 24th February 2021 and if possible, the successful applicant will be required to attend. The 2021 meeting will be a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams.