

Cochrane UK and Ireland Trainees (CUKI Trainees) Advisory Group

Committee 2022-2023 application

Purpose

The Cochrane UK and Ireland Trainees (CUKI Trainees) Advisory Group works to improve trainee engagement and involvement with evidence-based medicine and systematic reviews in general but with the work of the Cochrane Collaboration in particular. It is supported by Cochrane UK.

The Group has the following aims:

- To consider new ways for trainees to be involved with the work of Cochrane across the UK and Ireland
- To collaborate with Cochrane UK to contribute to the development and delivery of a range of activities to engage trainees across the UK and Ireland
- To advise Cochrane UK on matters relating to trainee engagement, providing input, as required, into Cochrane UK's 'Trainee Engagement Plan'.

Eligibility

Membership is open to all UK and Ireland medical trainees with an interest in evidence-based medicine and the work of Cochrane. Trainees are defined here as doctors who have qualified but who have not yet taken up a consultant post or substantive post in general practice. The committee will aim for diversity so that a wide range of specialties and stages of training are represented. There will be a maximum number of 12 trainees on the committee.

Roles and responsibilities of committee members

Meetings

There will be a minimum of three meetings each year, held at Cochrane UK (CUK), Summertown, Oxford. Virtual participation using videoconferencing software is encouraged., vit

The current Cochrane Fellow will organise and chair the meetings with administrative support from CUK. Non-members may be invited to join group meetings on a one-off basis to aid discussion of a particular topic, for example, as speakers.

Committee members are expected to take an active role in meetings, and engagement in activities between meetings.

Output

Since its inception in 2015, the CUKI Trainees Advisory Group has participated in a range of activities aimed at increasing trainee involvement and engagement with evidenced-based medicine. A summary of the groups' outputs is given below. More information can be found online <https://uk.cochrane.org/our-work/cochrane-uk-trainees>.

- Creating podcasts with influential figures within evidenced-based practice
- Hosting journal clubs on Twitter (every 2-3 months). [Previous journal clubs are summarised online](#).
- Writing or contributing to blogs, reflecting on evidence and practice, for patients or clinicians. These are published on [Evidently Cochrane](#), Cochrane UK's blog site and/or on the [Cochrane UK trainee website](#).
- Delivering training days on how to perform systematic reviews and meta-analyses
- Surveying trainee doctors on the use of evidence-based medicine
- Maintaining the content of the Cochrane Trainees webpages

How do I apply?

Please send a short cover letter (half page of A4) on why you wish to be involved to Dr James Garrard (james.garrard@ndm.ox.ac.uk), current Cochrane UK Fellow by 31 December 2021. Successful applicants to the committee will be contacted early in 2022.