



# Cover letter to RCP Trainees Committee position statement

10 June 2024

Dear RCP Council,

We enclose a position statement on physician associates (PAs) from the RCP Trainees Committee (RCP TC). This has been produced in response to concerns regarding the role of PAs within the workforce, as well as the recent RCP extraordinary general meeting (EGM) of fellows. The statement builds upon wider work that the Trainees Committee have been engaged with since early 2023, when these issues became a focus of national attention. We look forward to working constructively with the RCP to tackle the issues identified during the EGM and we detail the RCP TC position on each motion in our statement.

The RCP TC shared widely held concerns of many postgraduate doctors in training relating to certain elements of the EGM, particularly the presentation of data from the RCP's survey of its membership. However, we recognise and acknowledge the steps that the RCP has taken since the EGM to address these concerns, including the announcement of an independent review and the launch of a short life working group to help deliver the EGM ballot results. We will ensure that the trainee voice remains represented in these discussions and will continue to advocate for and support RCP trainee members.

Yours sincerely,  
RCP Trainees Committee

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