



UK Council Member Role and Responsibilities

UK Council Members are elected by Society of Radiographers' Members from within each country/region to serve on the UK Council of The Society of Radiographers for a period of three years. They may be re-elected for a further two terms.

Expectations of UK Council Members

UK Council Members have a responsibility towards the Society, and a legal obligation to carry out their duties conscientiously. It is therefore important that they take part in training days and attend as many meetings as possible. It is also required that UK Council Members devote time to prepare for meetings, by reading and being prepared to discuss any papers presented, and to contribute to group decisions on policy. Although members will contribute their own views to UK Council meetings, and the views of the regional membership who have elected them, UK Council members need to appreciate that the UK Council decision is what is supported by the board as a whole.

They are expected to have a strong commitment, both to the Society and to the profession as a whole. Part of their role is to promote the organisation and its aims, so they are expected to communicate well, and to be diplomatic. Attendance and speaking at events are part of the role, particularly for the presidential team. Members are expected to demonstrate appropriate behaviour for any events where they represent the Society.

The trade union function of the Society requires political awareness, alongside the ability to promote UK Council's views above personal viewpoints.

The role involves travel in the UK, and possibly abroad, with occasional overnight stays. Apologies for non-attendance at meetings must always be given in advance of the meeting. Members may need to vacate office if they miss three consecutive Council meetings without permission.

Summary of Main Duties:

- To define, represent and promote the agreed policies of UK Council
- To represent the trades union and professional interests of all Society Members.
- To develop and promote the advancement of the radiography profession and the wider radiographic workforce.
- To liaise between the UK Council and its National Councils/Regional Committees.

- To support the Society's Industrial Relations, Health & Safety, and Learning Representatives, and to provide advice and assistance where required.
- To undertake campaign or media work as required by UK Council.
- To encourage recruitment of Members in the Countries and Region(s).
- To attend and speak at National Council/Regional Committees on behalf of the Society.
- To attend, participate and, if directed to do so by UK Council, speak at the Annual Delegates Conference, UKRC, UKRO, SOR AGM, Radiographer of the Year Awards ceremony and other occasions as UK Council from time to time determine.

It is appreciated that some of the skills above will be developed once a UK Council Member is elected. Induction and training are provided, and new Council Members are also provided with a mentor.