

# FACULTY LEADERSHIP:

## Legal and Ethical Policy Unit (LEPU)



### Aims and Objectives

The FICM Legal and Ethical Policy Unit (LEPU) was founded as an expert panel to advise the FICM on legal and ethical matters. An opportunity has arisen for two new clinical members to join the group. We would particularly like to see applications from Scotland, Wales and North Ireland.

The Unit reports to the FICM Professional Affairs and Standards Committee (FICMPAS). Its main aim is to agree, discuss and act upon legal decisions that require ethical and clinical guidance for the specialty this includes, but is not limited to:

- responding to regulation 28 requests
- responding to consultations regarding legal issues on behalf of the FICMPAS
- involvement in submissions to the Court of Appeal or Supreme Court on behalf of the organisations if the matter is felt to have wider connotations for the specialty
- Producing publications for journals/newsletters and policy documents

**The Unit will not provide legal advice to specific individuals or cases, or provide expert witnesses for the Court.**



### The role and you

**Terms of Office:** The term of office for members is three years; this will be reviewed after one year. The initial term of office is three years, with a review after one year. Members are eligible for a second term of three years subject to agreement of the LEPU and FICMPAS Chairs. Inactive members of the group may be required to step down at any point during their term of office

**Responsibilities:** As a member of LEPU you will be expected to:

- Play an active role in the group: read all papers and emails relevant to the work of the group.
- Stay up to date with medico-legal developments, particularly in relation to critical care.
- Attend all meetings and take an active part in discussions.
- Take on projects, workstreams and contribute to any written submissions, articles, guidelines etc as required.
- Represent the Unit, and consequently the FICM, at meetings related to Legal and Ethical issues.

**Person Specification:** Those eligible must meet the following essential criteria:

- The positions are open to any medical professional provided they have demonstrable knowledge of the law.
- Consultants – must be a Fellow of the FICM
- ACCPs – must be an ACCP Member of the FICM
- Demonstrable knowledge of the law; either by postgraduate degree or equivalent experience
- Current critical care experience
- Active and quick to respond to emails
- Able to meet deadlines in a short timeframe
- Able to produce submissions in a clear and concise manner



## Meetings

The Unit holds two pre-arranged meetings per year (usually in April and October); these are virtual meetings and last approximately two hours. There will also be ad-hoc meetings as required should an urgent issue arise between arranged dates. Most of the Unit's work is conducted via email and if often under a strict timeframe; it is imperative that appointed candidates are active on email. Advisory Group may not send delegates to attend in their place.

Meeting dates for 2019 will be agreed when the new members are appointed.

**Disclosure of interest:** All Advisory Group should disclose to the Chairman any relevant conflicting interest of any kind (financial or otherwise) arising in relation to any item on the agenda.

### Meeting arrangements

- Copies of the Agenda and accompanying papers will be sent to members in advance.
- Members can request the Chair to add items to the agenda in advance of the meeting.
- All members are encouraged to feel able to speak freely and contribute to the discussions.



## Contact us

If you have any questions or would like to informally discuss the role, please get in touch with us at [dtillbrook-evans@ficm.ac.uk](mailto:dtillbrook-evans@ficm.ac.uk) and we'll forward your query on to Dr Chris Danbury (Chair of LEPU).



## Want to apply?

Send a summary CV and supporting statement of no more than 250 words explaining how you meet the criteria for the role to Dawn Tillbrook-Evans at [dtillbrook-evans@ficm.ac.uk](mailto:dtillbrook-evans@ficm.ac.uk)

The deadline for applications is **9am** on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November**.