

Vice President

Dr Susannah (Sue) Pavord

I would very much like to be considered for the role of Vice President of the British Society for Haematology, to represent the interests of the members, help set and deliver the strategy and principle aims of the BSH, and support and deputise for the president. Having served a 3-year term as an ordinary member in 2003 to 2005, and been co-chair of the Obstetric Haematology Special Interest Group from foundation to 2021, I have appreciated the widening scope of the BSH over this period of time.

I have been an NHS Consultant Haematologist for 22 years, initially in Leicester, moving to Oxford in 2014. This has given me experience and understanding of the working environment in both one of the largest and busiest NHS trusts in the country and also that of one of the biggest providers of specialised services. Although very different, I have learned from and valued both these opportunities enormously and empathise with the pressures experienced by haematologists in settings similar to these, as well as busy district general hospitals with whom I have liaised closely.

It is not only the hospital setting that makes us different, but our sub-specialisms and other leanings, such as service development, research, teaching, laboratory rigour or work overseas. All so important, these areas are to be encouraged, developed and sustained. If elected I would ensure inclusivity and outreach (equality and diversity goes without saying). I enjoy the mutual support afforded by networking and professional interaction and would develop and enhance this as appropriate, as I have done in Obstetric Haematology and the more recent life-threatening (albeit rare) complications of the COVID-19 vaccine. In these high-stakes areas of haematology, collaboration has not only helped save patients' lives but has given us confidence to know we are working together for best care.

Ordinary Trustee

Dr Kate Cwynarski

I would like to apply to be a Trustee of the British Society of Haematology, an organisation I have been a member of since I started my Haematology training in 1996. Over recent years I have seen it flourish which I have been reminded of witnessing the great success of recent ASMs.

I chaired the BSH Lymphoma Specialist Interest Group from 2018-2021 and it was a pleasure to work with many fantastic colleagues around the UK organising educational meetings twice a year which were always oversubscribed. I review and select abstracts for the ASM and the high quality and international engagement is heartening. I have lead and been involved in a number of Lymphoma Guidelines for BSH and I would be keen to support the subcommittees and working groups. For more than 12 years I was responsible for Haematology trainees at CMT/FY1 and subsequently SpR level and this was both a privilege but also a huge responsibility. Trying to maximise the educational opportunities for our

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trainees whilst supporting them during often demanding clinical duties felt very important but was also challenging. Ensuring our units are adequately staffed to continue to provide excellent patient care is crucial. I lead the UK NCRI T-cell lymphoma trials group, having just stepped down from leading the UK PCNSL sub-group. Working with both clinical and laboratory-based colleagues around the UK and internationally to improve outcome for our patients has been exciting and fruitful. Recently I have been the clinical expert for NICE appraisals which has given me insight into the rigor of such important funding decisions. I feel I'm well placed to support this governance role and hope that my experience and collaboration with colleagues nationally and internationally will help facilitate the working of the BSH Board and ensure we best support our members.

Ordinary Trustee

Dr Fiona Miall

I would like to be considered for the role of ordinary Trustee of BSH, an organisation whose output improves Haematology education for all and which provides clinical guidance, support and professional representation for its members and the wider Haematology community. I was recently appointed as an invited interim Trustee and would be keen to continue in role if elected, with a particular interest in inspiring the next generation of doctors, nurses, scientists and PAs to work in Haematology and looking at our increasingly complex workforce issues.

My initial experience of BSH was as a new trainee, attending the ASM and enjoying the welcome into a new community. Many years later I joined the inaugural BSH Education committee, which proved to be a highly productive working group of like-minded consultants, trainees and medical students who, with the BSH team, produced educational material and ran a growing number of successful training days. In keeping with the vision and growing membership of BSH, by the time I left the committee 9 years later, after 3 years as Chair, the group represented our multi-disciplinary Haematology workforce, and it continues to offer high quality education and resources for all of us, alongside the guidelines and special interest groups.

My other involvement with BSH has been via membership of the Program Committee, helping to organise the ASM from 2016-20 and as a founding ongoing member of the Lymphoma Special Interest group, both of which I have thoroughly enjoyed. I would be taking on the role while working part-time as a Consultant Haematologist and as Deputy Head of Leicester Medical School. I would hope my experience in UG and PG education could prove useful as a Trustee. I do not have any company directorships but am a Trustee of Move Charity. Thank you for reading this.

Ordinary Trustee

Dr Mark Ethell

I am very keen to become more involved with BSH. I would hope to bring valuable experience to the role and have always believed in the critical importance of excellence in

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haematology care. Education is vital to support the specialty and develop capable future haematologists and I have been involved in education at multiple levels including educational supervisor, previous London STC Chair and currently as the SAC chair. I am a member of the IHC, so aware and involved in haematology through both royal colleges. Critical issues currently include implementation of the new curriculum, workforce planning for the future and negotiations to protect and ideally expand haematology training numbers across the UK.

I have been an FRCPath examiner for many years and am involved in both parts of the exam, including question setting and hosting exam sittings. For BSH, I have been involved in abstract marking and the shortlisting committee for the BSH annual meetings. I have also been head of unit in my current post for almost 4 years and would hope to also bring management experience and skills to this role, if elected. I do not hold any company directorships at present.

In summary, I am an enthusiastic and committed haematologist and transplant physician who is very keen to contribute more fully to BSH and I hope you will view my application favourably.

Ordinary Trustee

Dr Subarna Chakravorty

I am a paediatric haematology consultant with a special interest in non- malignant haematological disorders. I have served as an ordinary trustee of the BSH since 2019 and have thoroughly enjoyed being part of an organisation that has the interest of its membership at the core of all its activities. BSH is supported by an excellent executive leadership. All board members, lay trustees and officers bring their wealth of expertise to shape the way the Society works to serve its members and the public.

As a trustee, I have had the privilege to serve on the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) programme committee and helped enable haematologists and scientists to showcase their work to a wider audience. I have also represented the BSH to develop a sickle cell patient education and empowerment programme in collaboration with the European Haematology Association, EuroBloodNet and the ASCAT conference committee. This programme has had a large international reach and is currently planning our second annual session.

I would be grateful for the opportunity to support BSH with its mission for another term as an ordinary trustee. As a trustee I would continue to work with the Board to develop strategies that would help members of all backgrounds, both clinical and scientific. Being an international medical graduate and a woman of colour, I am able to bring a diverse perspective to the Board and can help inspire other younger haematologists to work with the Society in the future. If I am re-elected, I would like to work with the ASM programme committee and the paediatric special interest group and continue to help these committees develop and deliver their goals.

Ordinary Trustee

Professor John Snowden

I have been an NHS Consultant Haematologist and Director of BMT in Sheffield, developing

and delivering regional services for over 20 years. Alongside, I have been fortunate to hold national and international leadership roles, including Chair of the NHSE Clinical Reference Group for BMT, Chair of the Intercollegiate Committee on Haematology to the RCP & RCPATH, Clinical Lead for various NICE Guidelines, and Board roles in EBMT and BSBMTCT. Regionally, I am the Clinical Co-lead for the Genomic Laboratory Hub. Academically, I have co-authored over 300 publications and hold honorary professorships from University of Sheffield and UCL, where I have taught and supervised to doctorate level.

Although Haematology is undoubtedly one of the most exciting and constantly evolving specialities, there are many challenges - especially following the pandemic when we're all exhausted and our NHS is creaking.

If elected, I would champion:

- Keeping Haematologists together – whether clinical, lab, haemostasis & thrombosis, haem-onc/BMT, transfusion or paediatric, we should maintain a united, collective voice. We're stronger together, whether at Trust, College or other national levels.
- Workforce; we need more trainees and to retain the skills of experienced colleagues otherwise heading off into retirement. Developing extended roles for nursing, pharmacy, physician assistant and scientific colleagues is paramount. Configuring our services so that high-quality specialised care is available irrespective of geographical location.
- "If you cannot measure it, you cannot improve it"; I have championed quality and benchmarking from NICE to JACIE to UKNEQAS. It's the best way to show where investment is needed.
- Education, training and R&D as integral components of Haematological services.
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion.
- Haematology as a global speciality; we should reach out to, and learn from colleagues and health services worldwide, especially where resources are limited.