

## UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

## QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

## FOR STUDENTS OF SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, MEDICAL SCIENCES AND NUTRITION

## REMIT AND COMPOSITION OF THE FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE

**Composition and Membership ~~2024/25~~2025/26:**

Conveners: 1 senior academic from out with SMMSN ~~Professor Susan Stokeld, Senior Lecturer, School of Law~~

Deputy Convenor: 1 or 2 senior academic from out with SMMSN ~~Professor Margaret Ross, Professor of Law Emerita~~

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Medical Clinicians: 20 – 25 doctors or PAs ~~Professor Rona Patey, Emeritus Professor  
Professor Phil Hannaford, Emeritus Professor  
Ms Justine Royle, Consultant Urological Surgeon~~

~~Professor Kim Ah-See, Consultant ENT Surgeon~~

~~Dr Manisha Kumar, Consultant Anaesthetist~~

~~Dr Ken Lawton, Deputy Head of Teaching GPCME~~

~~Dr Shonagh Walker, Consultant Radiologist~~

~~TBC as being appointed, Deputy Responsible Officer, NHS Grampian~~

~~Dr Katrina Shearer, Director of Medical Education, NHS Grampian~~

~~Professor Alan Denison, Dean of Postgraduate Medicine, Scotland Deanery~~

~~Dr Joy Miller, Associate Postgraduate Dean (Foundation)~~

~~Professor Mohamed Abdel fattah, Clinical Chair in Gynaecology~~

~~Dr Colin Lumsden, Director of Institute of Education in Healthcare and Medical Sciences~~

~~Dr Wendy Watson, MBChB Programme Lead~~

~~Dr Amr Mahdy, Consultant Anaesthetist~~

~~Dr Morven Wilson, Director of Teaching (Interim), Highland~~

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~~Dr Anand Lalli, Senior Clinical Lecturer~~

Healthcare Professionals: 2 – 4 healthcare professionals (not doctor/dentist/PA) ~~Mrs Helen Gray, Programme Lead Advanced Clinical (Non medical/dental) Practice~~

~~Mrs Sian Roughton, Clinical Skills Manager~~

**External Peer Member:** **To be drawn from Scottish Medical Schools Fitness to Practise Committees**

Non Healthcare Members: 2 – 4 non- healthcare professionals Dr Archie Graham, School of Education  
~~Dr Christine Kay, Curriculum Manager~~  
~~Mrs Kirsten Darling McQuistan, School of Education~~  
~~Additional representation from School of Education (under recruitment)~~

Clerk: SMMSN Education Governance Manager Mrs Arlene Ray  
Deputy Clerk: SMMSN Senior School Administrator

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**Remit:**

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- (i) To consider the cases of students on regulated healthcare programmes ~~and MSc in Physician Associate Studies students~~, referred to the Committee by the Investigating Officers of the School of Medicine, Medical Science & Nutrition, whose behaviour is considered to be not befitting such a student, or whose health gives cause for concern and which, in either case, raises concerns as to their fitness to practise in the relevant field.
- (ii) To consider the cases of MBChB graduates of the University, referred to the Committee by the Postgraduate Dean during their pre-registration period of training, whose behaviour is considered not befitting a doctor, or whose health gives cause for concern and which, in either case, raises concerns as to their fitness to practise medicine.
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