

Let us introduce ourselves.....

Hello, we're Rebecca and Caroline and we're your new RCPATH Trainee Reps.



Starting this role, we felt we didn't really have a clear understanding of what the different committees within the RCPATH were and what they did and that maybe you felt the same way. We've therefore put together this brief guide.

SAC= Specialty Advisory Committee

The SAC addresses diverse issues relating to all of cellular pathology. For example new courses, college documents, laboratory quality control and queries from members. The SAC **considers training issues from a wider perspective** and helps to set direction. It receives input raised by specialities such as paediatric and perinatal, neuropathology and forensic pathology.

TAC= Trainees Advisory Committee

Trainees from **all pathology specialities** (including biochemistry, haematology, immunology, veterinary pathology to name a few) meet to raise issues that affect training within their speciality and pathology as a whole, such as examinations, assessments and the effect of working time legislation. **Feedback is collected before this meeting** and directly contributes to the agenda.

CSTC= College Specialty Training Committee

CSTCs exist for the College's largest specialties – Cellular Pathology, Medical Microbiology/Medical Virology and Chemical Pathology.

Training Programme Directors meet to discuss matters specifically related to **training in Histopathology** (e.g. exams, workplace-based assessments, the LEPT system, the curriculum, the New Trainees Welcome Day).

The RCPATH is *your* College – we want you to feel a part of it. We will email you ahead of committee meetings to ask for your views on certain matters, represent you at these meetings and feedback the outcome. If a matter arises outside these times of year, you can always contact us:

CellularPathology.TAC@gmail.com

Some useful links

<http://www.rcpath.org/committees/specialty-advisory-committees/cellular-pathology/cellular-pathology.htm>

<http://www.rcpath.org/committees/committees/trainees-advisory-committee/trainees-advisory-committee.htm>