

Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHM) Trainee Committee

Terms of Reference

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1. INTRODUCTION

These Terms of Reference are to be read in conjunction with the [Governance of College Bodies By-law](#). Both the Governance of College Bodies By-law and these Terms of Reference govern the College Body.

1.1. Established

The Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHM) Trainee Committee is established under the authority of the AFPHM Council to perform the Functions set out in these Terms of Reference and all matters ancillary to those functions.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHM) Trainee Committee is to be the AFPHM peak body representing the interests of AFPHM trainees at the College.

3. FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHM) Trainee Committee are:

- a) liaise with state, territory and Aotearoa New Zealand trainees;
- b) form the principal conduit for the flow of information and communication between trainees and the Faculty;
- c) create a forum for the views of trainees and to advocate on behalf of trainees in matters of selection, training, assessment, supervision, and the overall educational experience;
- d) make recommendations regarding policy related to training matters to relevant College Bodies; and
- e) recommend to the AFPHM Council initiatives to support trainees and enhance their training experience.

4. MEMBER COMPOSITION

The Membership of the College Body shall comprise up to 13 members, comprising:

4.1. Ex-officio Members

- one trainee representative from each AFPHM Regional Committee;
- one trainee representative from the Aotearoa New Zealand AFPHM Committee;
- one representative appointed by the AFPHM Training Program Committee; and
- one representative appointed by the College Trainees' Committee.

4.2. Appointed Members

- Chair, who shall be a representative on the AFPHM Council; and
- Deputy Chair, who shall be a representative on the AFPHM Council.

4.3. Co-opted members

Co-opted members may be appointed for a particular purpose or term.

5. MEETING

This section is to be read in conjunction with the Governance of College Bodies By-law.

5.1. Number of Meetings

The College Body may hold four meetings per calendar year and shall meet face to face (maximum once per year) or by videoconference.

5.2. Chair

The Chair or their appointee will Chair all meetings.

5.3. Quorum

A quorum is one half of the total College Body membership.

5.4. Voting

Decisions will be made by consensus of the majority of members.

5.5. Secretariat

Meeting agenda, supporting papers and minutes or outcomes will be provided prior to the date of the meeting.

6. REPORTING

The AFPHM Trainee Committee must report and make recommendations to the AFPHM Council as required.

The AFPHM Trainee Committee is required to provide to the AFPHM Council each year:

- a) a new or updated work plan (work plans may be one or two years); and
- b) a report against the preceding years' work plan.

7. DEFINITIONS

Term	Means
Board	The Board of Directors of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians
College	The Royal Australasian College of Physicians, an incorporated body limited by guarantee ACN 000 039 047.
College Body	Has the same meaning as in the College Constitution
Conflict of Interest	Has the same meaning as the Governance of College Bodies By-law
Ex-officio	Has the same meaning as the Governance of College Bodies By-law
Member of a College Body	Has the same meaning as the Governance of College Bodies By-law
Member of the College	Has the same meaning as the Governance of College Bodies By-law

8. HISTORY

Commencement		
These Terms of Reference were approved by the AFPHM Council and commenced on 21 April 2016.		
Revision	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
1.0	22 March 2018	Update of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clause 1.2.5 to read '<i>Recommend the AFPHM Council initiatives to support trainees and enhance their training experience</i>'; clause 2.1.1 to read '<i>Chair of the Committee, who shall be an AFPHM Council representative.</i>'; and clause 2.1.2 to read '<i>Deputy Chair of the Committee, who shall be an AFPHM Council Representative</i>'. Addition of section 2.2 ' <i>Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair</i> '
2.0	24 August 2022	Transferred to the new template aligning the Governance of College Bodies By-law with the current terms of reference to be the guiding governance documents for this College Body.
3.0	17 November 2025 (TBC)	Update of clause 4.1 to reflect the changes of the committee changes of the Education Governance Review, specifically removal of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> '<i>one representative appointed by the AFPHM Education Committee; and</i> <i>one representative appointed by the AFPHM Training Committee</i>' and replacement with: ' <i>one representative appointed by the Faculty Training Program Committee.</i> '