

Terms of Reference for Special Interest Group in Perinatal Psychiatry

Aims:

This SIG aims to raise the profile of the subspecialty of Perinatal Psychiatry within the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland, and improve the provision of perinatal mental health care in Ireland. In order to achieve this, we would like to provide a network of support and education for psychiatrists and trainees wishing to develop their interest in the area. The group would hold meetings, case discussions and events to improve knowledge and practice of perinatal psychiatry across Ireland, relevant to trainees, psychiatrists and other clinicians. The group would also provide an opportunity to disseminate and coordinate research in the field, being carried out in Ireland and overseas. We would like to support professional development and postgraduate training in Perinatal Psychiatry.

We would be a point of contact for the College for issues relating to Perinatal Psychiatry. We would advocate for perinatal patients and their families, and establish links with other groups and organisations where relevant.

The SIG will work to complement the College objectives.

Chair: Tbc at first meeting

Vice Chair: Tbc at first meeting

SIG Members:

SIG MEMBERSHIP is open to all fully subscribing Members of the College who have an interest in Perinatal Psychiatry. The membership list for the Special Interest Group will be maintained by the College Faculty and SIG Manager.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR Nominations are invited for Chair and Vice Chair. The term of office is a two year term followed by eligibility for a second 2 year of office. All nominees, proposers and seconders must be fully subscribing College members.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHAIR/ VICE CHAIR

- Leads and represents the SIG both within the College and externally;
- Sets the agenda and guides the meeting according to the agenda and time available;
- Ensures all discussion items end with an action or definite outcome;
- Reviews and approves the draft minutes before distribution;
- Coordinates responses from members when input from the SIG is required;

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERS

Members are invited to attend meetings. College meetings can garner 1 internal CPD credit per meeting up to a maximum of 10 credits per year.

Meeting Documentation: Agendas and invitations to attend meetings will be sent out in advance of the meeting.

Terms of References reviewed annually.

Date: 27th April 2023