**THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS**

# **PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR JOB DESCRIPTION**

**JOB TITLE:** Presidential Scholar for Physical Health

**TERM OF OFFICE:** 1 Year

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Presidential Lead for Physical Health

**GOVERNANCE**  President and other College Officers

**MANAGEMENT:** Lead staff contact for Presidential Lead for Physical Health

**ELECTED/APPOINTED:** Appointed following advertisement on College website and competitive interview

**TIME COMMITMENT:** One full day per week

**SALARY**: Unpaid/voluntary

**JOB PURPOSE:**

To support the Presidential Lead for Physical Health in developing and promoting the College’s views on improving the physical health of individuals with a mental illness.

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Support the research for and drafting of a College Position Statement on improving the physical health of individuals with a mental illness.
2. Support the College's engagement with Equally Well UK, including the proposed collaboration to coproduce a mission statement on key priority areas of those with lived experience.
3. Provide input on College responses to consultations and other relevant influencing opportunities.
4. Support the presidential lead in engaging with divisions, faculties and devolved nations around this agenda.
5. Attend relevant internal and external stakeholder meetings.
6. Promote the College's views on physical health of individuals with a mental illness in relevant settings.

**PERSON SPECIFICATION:**

**Essential**

1. An ST4-ST6, or SAS doctor, who is a current member/associate of the College
2. Knowledge and interest in the relationship between physical and mental health and the interventions that are needed to address these interactions
3. Experience of research and working with stakeholders
4. Excellent written and verbal communication skills
5. Excellent administration skills and experience of working in a support role with an ability to organise own workload

Applications are welcome from across the UK.

Please note, applications will require written support from your Training Programme Director (TPD) and Head of School, or from your employer.

**THE COLLEGE VALUES**

***Courage***

* Champion the specialty of psychiatry and its benefits to patients
* Take every opportunity to promote and influence the mental health agenda
* Take pride in our organisation and demonstrate self‐belief
* Promote parity of esteem
* Uphold the dignity of those affected by mental illness, intellectual disabilities and developmental disorders.

***Innovation***

* Embrace innovation and improve ways to deliver services
* Challenge ourselves and be open to new ideas
* Seek out and lead on new, evidence‐based, ways of working
* Have the confidence to take considered risks
* Embrace the methodology of Quality Improvement to improve mental health services and the work of the College.

***Respect***

* Promote diversity and challenge inequalities
* Behave respectfully – and with courtesy – towards everyone
* Challenge bullying and inappropriate behaviour
* Value everyone’s input and ideas equally
* Consider how own behaviour might affect others
* Respect the environment and promote sustainability.

***Collaboration***

* Work together as One College – incorporating all members, employees, patients and carers
* Work professionally and constructively with partner organisations
* Consult all relevant audiences to achieve effective outcomes for the College
* Work together with patients and carers as equal partners
* Be transparent, wherever possible and appropriate.

***Learning***

* Learn from all experiences
* Share our learning and empower others to do the same
* Value and encourage personal feedback
* Use feedback to make continuous improvements
* Create an enabling environment where everyone is listened to, regardless of seniority
* Positively embrace new ways of working.

***Excellence***

* Deliver outstanding service to members, patients, carers and other stakeholders
* Promote excellent membership and employee experience
* Always seek to improve on own performance
* Promote professionalism by acting with integrity and behaving responsibly
* Demonstrate accountability in all that we do
* Uphold the College’s ‘Core Values for Psychiatrists’.

**INTERNAL COLLEGE CONTACTS:**

Department: Strategic Communications

Section/Project: Policy and Campaigns

Name of Contact: Tommy Denning

Job Title: Senior Policy and Standards Manager

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