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To all our new and prospective members, welcome we are **Anaesthetists United**.

We are a group made up of trainee, SAS, and consultant anaesthetists from all over the UK, and we share the belief that the Royal College of Anaesthetists is not adequately representing the views of its membership regarding key issues affecting the anaesthetic workforce. We have worked initially in a small group in order to refine our motions and mission statement, and are now in a position to share this and gather support from the wider College membership.



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There is widespread discontent amongst members...

with NHS England's direction regarding workforce issues, and whilst the College has made efforts to listen to members' concerns, we do not feel that this has translated into meaningful tangible action. As such, we have been working in recent weeks to draft motions, and we are seeking to discuss the following with the College, ultimately to exert direct pressure on NHS England to resolve the following issues:

Anaesthesia Associate Expansion

The proposed expansion of Anaesthetic Associates (AAs) to 2000 as outlined in the Government's Long Term NHS Workforce Plan, to which we are strongly opposed. We seek the College to formally adopt the position of opposition to AA expansion.

Rotational Training

The impact of rotational training on doctors' morale, mental health, integration in the workplace, and family life outside of work.

Recruitment Reform

Consideration of regional recruitment systems to replace the Anaesthetic National Recruitment Office (ANRO), following the systemic failures outlined in the Significant Incident Report of December 2021.

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Above all, we are an inclusive group and we welcome members who wish to remain anonymous. We value the input of each and every one of our members, hosting regular live discussion forums ensuring all voices are heard.

We would like to extend an invitation to all anaesthetists who share our concerns to **join our group**, and participate in a community aimed at protecting the high standards in our specialty in a safe space conducive to open discourse. There is strength in numbers, and we are confident that we can achieve our aims of keeping anaesthesia for anaesthetists, and improving conditions for all doctors in the specialty. We believe our position on these issues is reflective of a significant proportion of UK anaesthetists, and with wider support, our aim is to highlight the degree of dissatisfaction with national policy regarding AA expansion and ANRO/rotational training.


Finally, we urge the College to adopt a stronger stance against AA expansion in line with the prevailing opinions of members, and to better represent the interests of anaesthetists in the face of ostensibly anti-doctor Government policy.

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