

Hand Trauma Committee Chair

We're seeking expressions of interest from fellow members for the position of Chair of the BSSH Hand Trauma Committee for a three year term (1 January 2026 – 31 December 2028).

Whilst the role itself does not begin until January 2026, we would anticipate there being an induction/shadowing period of around 3 months starting in September 2025, overlapping with the current Chair, Mr James Bedford.

This is a rewarding position and an opportunity to make a contribution to the development of hand trauma.

The Hand Trauma Committee exists to advance hand trauma care in the UK. The

Committee works to deliver the BSSH Hand Trauma strategy by

- Producing standards of care for hand trauma.
- Developing clinical networks.
- Developing a hand injury prevention programme.

Closing Date: 17th August 2025

Eligibility and selection criteria

The Chair should have Fellow membership of the BSSH alongside previous experience on a BSSH committee or working group.

Appointment is made via interview. Shortlisting will be undertaken for greater than 4 candidates. The interview panel will be composed of the current BSSH Committee Chair, a committee representative, and/or a BSSH Council Trustee, or another committee Chair.

The Chair's duties include:



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- Co-ordinating the various roles of the Committee, setting roles, tasks and deadlines.
- Chairing Committee meetings (minimum of 2 a year, with more ad hoc as required).
- Reviewing and approving committee minutes.
- Attendance to report committee activities at Council meetings (currently 3-4 a year).
- Ensuring that the trauma committee meets its objectives as defined in the [BSSH Strategic Plan 2024 - 2028](#)
- Liaison with other societies or associations as required by work streams.

General Responsibilities of the Committee

- Promotion and support of hand trauma care.
- Pro-active promotion and dissemination of developments in hand injury care.
- Completing work-in-progress in good time for the BSSH Council meetings.

Trauma Committee Projects

Handstands

Work to create, develop and update standards of care for hand trauma.
To help improve knowledge of outcomes of treatment.

Hand Trauma Network

To encourage the development of a national clinical network.
To support developments to improve the patient pathway.

Hand Injury Prevention

Work to create hand injury prevention campaigns.
To work with the communications team to make use of opportunities to promote hand injury prevention.

Working methods

- Email and telephone, WhatsApp whenever possible. Email response within 7 days.



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- Minimum of two meetings year (one in person and one virtual).

Please follow this link to apply: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/traumachair> and ensure your form is submitted by 17th August 2025.

Please get in contact with the Secretariat if you have any questions about the role on secretariat@bssh.ac.uk



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