



### **Royal College of Surgeons of England Surgical Specialty Lead: Hands**

The British Society for Surgery of the Hand (BSSH) is delighted to maintain its collaboration with the Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCSEng) in supporting the role of Surgical Specialty Lead (SSL) for hand surgery.

We invite applications from orthopaedic and plastic surgeons for this important position. The appointment is initially for one year, with the possibility of renewal for a further two years subject to satisfactory performance.

The SSL for Hand Surgery plays a key role in advancing high-quality clinical research by developing and leading multicentre trials that directly improve patient care. Acting as a vital link between surgical communities, research networks, and trials centres, the postholder ensures studies are relevant, efficiently delivered, and broadly collaborative. The role also contributes to building research capacity through mentorship, training, and the establishment of strong national clinical networks.

The postholder will be expected to attend one BSSH Council meeting annually to report on progress.

Prospective applicants can contact the BSSH Secretariat ([secretariat@bssh.ac.uk](mailto:secretariat@bssh.ac.uk)) to arrange an informal discussion with the current SSL for Hand Surgery.

Applications must be submitted through the RCSEng. Further details, including the full job description, are available here: [Inviting applications for Surgical Specialty Leads — Royal College of Surgeons of England](#)

