

Legal and Ethical Advisory Group – Role profile for clinical members

The Intensive Care Society is delighted to be recruiting for new clinical members of our Legal and Ethical Advisory Group (LEAG) which was established in 2019. This group brings together legal advisors and clinicians to consider legal and ethical decisions relevant to critical care and provide advice and guidance to the wider multi professional critical care community and the public. It also runs one day educational events and sessions at our annual flagship congress SOA.

We would like to recruit two new clinical members to join LEAG. The positions are open to any member of the Intensive Care Society's multi professional critical care community who has relevant knowledge and experience in this area of medical law and clinical ethics. We currently have 5 members from a medical background and one legal advisor so we would particularly encourage applicants with a nursing, pharmacy, advanced practice or AHP background and relevant medical law and clinical ethics experience and/or those in difficult to access groups to represent the diversity of our membership.

The LEAG reports to the ICS Executive Committee of Council. The Executive Committee comprises the President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and (in alternate years) either President elect (or immediate past President) and Chief Executive.

What will my role involve?

As a clinician and a member of LEAG you will have the opportunity

- To discuss, debate and exchange knowledge with other clinicians and legal advisors about legal decisions that require ethical and clinical guidance.
- To provide your written contributions about complex matters
- To contribute to ICS responses to national consultations regarding legal issues.
- To get involved in submissions to the Court of Appeal or Supreme Court on behalf of the organisations if the matter is felt to have wider relevance for the intensive care community.
- To contribute to educational events and seminars

LEAG will not provide legal advice to specific individuals or cases or provide expert witnesses for the Court.

Terms of Office

The initial term of office is three years, with a review after one year. Members are eligible for a second term of three years subject to agreement of the Executive Committee. Inactive members of the group may be required to step down at any point during their term of office.

Time Commitment

LEAG will hold virtual meetings at least twice each year.

These are voluntary positions and are unremunerated.

Person Specification

Essential Criteria

- Demonstrable knowledge of the medical law and clinical ethics; either by postgraduate degree or equivalent experience
- Able to meet written deadlines in a short timeframe
- Good written skills and able to produce submissions in a clear and concise manner
- Current critical care experience
- Member of the Intensive Care Society.

To apply

Send a summary CV and supporting statement of no more than 500 words explaining how you meet the criteria for the role to councilsupport@ics.ac.uk

Closing date for applications 20 February, 2023.

Interviews will be held virtually on Monday 27 February, 2023.

For more information

To discuss further please contact the CEO Sandy Mather at sandy@ics.ac.uk or the Chair of LEAG Dan Harvey at danjrharvey@gmail.com