

**CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL ETHICS
PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Accountable to:	The Council
Term of Office:	Three years, (subject to annual election)
Appointment criteria:	Membership of the College
Election arrangements:	By Council on nomination of College members
Overall purpose:	To respond to requests for advice from the Council; and to consider the ethical issues encountered by the College and its members, and to explore the principles, values and beliefs that inform decisions.

Main responsibilities:

- To implement those tasks within the RCGP Strategic Plan which are delegated to the Committee.
- To chair the meetings of the Committee on Medical Ethics
- To act as a spokesperson for the College on matters relating to medical ethical issues
- To represent the College on other committees and meetings with external organisations, as and when necessary
- To play a full part as a member of the Council Executive Committee, and contribute to the corporate team
- To advise the College on the ethical implications of policy decisions made by Council
- To make regular reports to the Council Executive Committee and Council on the work of the Committee on Medical Ethics

Knowledge, experience and attributes:

The post-holder should possess

- A substantial interest in medical ethics and a broad knowledge of current medico-political issues
- A broad knowledge of current ethical issues relating to general practice, primary care, and the wider area of healthcare
- Excellent communication, team-building and leadership skills