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Association of Breast Surgery Aesthetic Breast Surgery Committee Terms of Reference

A. Aim

- To ensure patient safety and experience by supporting/developing high quality aesthetic breast surgery through audit, education and training for the members of the Association of Breast Surgery.
- To collaborate with other recognised aesthetic groups e.g. BAPRAS and BAAPS to maintain equitable standards in aesthetic breast surgery regardless of the site specific speciality.

B. Objectives

1. Establish effective clinical governance framework and codes of good practice
2. Education:
 - To run educational events under the auspices of the Association of Breast Surgery. To run a dedicated aesthetic surgery session at the ABS Conference annually
 - Produce an aesthetic newsletter
 - To promote appropriate training and mentoring
 - To promote participation in the Royal College of Surgeons cosmetic surgery certification scheme

C. Main duties

1. For this committee to meet four times per year (two face to face and two virtual meetings annually).
2. To oversee the education and training agenda of the Association in relation to Aesthetic Surgery, and monitor performance against the objectives and targets of the agreed strategy
3. To ensure that the education and training strategy remains relevant and up to date,
4. To consider surgical issues and provide expert advice and guidance to the Association of Breast Surgery's members on matters relating to aesthetic surgery. This work shall encompass undergraduate and postgraduate training as well as that of allied health professionals, other health professionals and other specialities, to include:
 - Education, Certification, standards, guidelines, including related areas such as research

5. To work collaboratively with other professional bodies in ensuring that standards, guidelines, education and certification are relevant and appropriate for the aesthetic surgery field.
6. To work in liaison with other committees, organisations and external bodies and in particular relevant national, regional and local training bodies, where appropriate, specifically including:
 - Liaison with the Surgical Colleges, Specialty Advisory Committees (SACs) in Plastic and General Surgery in the development, organisation and assessment of the Aesthetic Certification Programme.
7. To report regularly to the Trustees, Clinical Practice & Standards Committee and Education and Training Committee of the Association and the membership, including presentation of minutes for approval.
8. To support the annual meetings programme

Membership of the Committee

The Committee should be composed of:

- Chairperson
- BAPRAS representative
- BAAPS representative
- At least 1 ABS Trustee
- 6 ABS members

The term of office for the Chair is 3 years with a maximum extension of 2 years. The term of office for members of the committee is 2 years with a maximum extension of 3 years. The new Chair may be appointed up to 12 months in advance in order to allow an adequate handover with the outgoing Chair.

The Committee will have the power to co-opt additional members as appropriate.

The Committee will aim to ensure an even geographical and specialty interest spread of members, as appropriate.

Committee members will be recruited by a call for expressions of interest within the ABS membership and then the current committee will decide the appointments. All appointments will be approved by the Trustees.

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