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## **The Royal College of Pathologists elects new President**

Dr Suzy Lishman has been elected President of The Royal College of Pathologists by Fellows in the first College election organised by the Electoral Reform Services. Dr Lishman will be the College's second female and youngest President in its 52-year history.

Dr Archie Prentice, President of The Royal College of Pathologists said: "I am delighted to announce that Dr Suzy Lishman has been duly elected as College President to serve for a three year term which will take effect from the College's Annual General Meeting in November of this year. This is a challenging and rewarding position in equal measure and I am sure that, with Suzy as President, the College will be in safe hands

Dr Lishman said: "It is an honour to have been elected President of the Royal College of Pathologists, particularly as this is the first time that all Fellows have had the opportunity to vote. As President Elect, I look forward to working with the current President over the next few months before taking on this challenging role in November. I am grateful to my colleagues and the Trust Board at Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for their encouragement and support."

Dr Lishman will continue in her current role of Vice-President until November, but will have the additional title of President Elect.

Dr Suzy Lishman is a consultant histopathologist at Peterborough City Hospital, where she is Head of Department and lead for gastrointestinal pathology. Dr Lishman has been an officer of The Royal College of Pathologists since 2005 and is responsible for the development of the College's public engagement programme, introducing National Pathology Week in 2008. Since then over 2000 pathology-related events for schools and the public have been held in the UK and beyond. National Pathology Week in 2014 (November 3-9) will, for the first time, include an International Pathology Day on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

In its inaugural list of the fifty most inspirational women in healthcare in 2013 the Health Service Journal described Dr Lishman as the "Public face of pathology" and "the most outward facing person from that specialism."

### **Ends**

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### **Notes for editors**

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