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Dr Michael Osborn

President

Hi, my name is Mike Osborn and I would like you to vote for me to be your next president.

Do College members want reform? - Absolutely.

Does the College need reform? - Absolutely.

Can reform happen without the Trust board and College staff? - Absolutely not.

There is clear appetite for change. Many members feel the College no longer fully represents them, fails to support them and represents poor value for money. Opinions vary as to what change is needed, but if you elect me as president, I promise to champion a return of the College to its core functions of advancing pathology practice and research, training, and improving public perception.

To facilitate this, I would:

Listen to your opinion. I announced my intention to stand in April and since have sought the opinion of members through social media. I would continue this as president. Do you want to change the name of the College? Should the role of president rotate through specialties? - I would ask you what you wanted.

Instigate an in-depth review of College finances, especially the £12 million mortgage. We can't escape this but we can take every opportunity to reduce it.

Review our relationships with other organisations, particularly the GMC and UKAS, ensuring we are no longer their junior partner and that there is a level playing field, in terms of regulation, for everyone.

Promote pathology, pathologists and our College. Often overlooked as a profession, our low profile needs to be challenged.

Lobby government to ensure we have the staffing levels we need. Staffing is a major issue in all specialties. We must address this.

Develop an online teaching portal to host our conferences and teaching. Accessible easily on any device, anywhere, it would reduce the hurdles of travel, funding and time for training. The recent lockdown shows this is possible and appreciated.

Push for the national rollout of digital pathology.

During my sixteen years involved with our College I have chaired committees including the Cellular Pathology SAC and the Death Investigation Committee and have been elected to Council. I have worked with colleagues, government and stakeholders to develop a wealth of national guidance and I have also led on major projects such as in the COVID-19 crisis creating and running the mortuary at the London ExCel Nightingale Hospital and setting up and running a COVID-19 research group, tissue bank and national database. I have a history of bringing people together to deliver results. I can do this for our College.

We are a College made up of diverse specialties, but what we all want and need from our College is essentially the same. I am a histopathologist, but I am committed to represent you whatever your specialty.

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This is your College, funded with your money. You should feel that your College gives you value and that you are valued by your College.

My name is Mike Osborn. To make your voice heard, vote for me to be your next president.

Dr Michael Osborn

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