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**Veterinary Nurses Council – Lay Member Vacancies**

**Location: London**

The RCVS was established in 1844 by Royal Charter to be the governing body of the veterinary profession with the purpose of safeguarding the interests of the public and animals by ensuring that only those registered with the RCVS practise veterinary surgery. The RCVS is committed to veterinary care; through regulation of the educational, ethical, and clinical standards of veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses, thereby protecting the interests of those dependent on animals, and assuring public health.

The Veterinary Nurses Council is of incredible importance to the College. The roles of members of the Council include: setting standards for the training and education of persons wishing to be entered in the register of veterinary nurses, setting requirements in relation to registration and conduct of veterinary nurses and recommending to RCVS Council amendments to registration, discipline, and conduct rules. This Council normally meets four times per year. The Veterinary Nurses Council is also responsible for agreeing the Strategic Plan and recommending a budget and level of fees to the Finance and Resource Committee. They elect the Chair and Vice Chair, along with determining the composition of committees. Critically they must act in accordance with the public service principles set out in the Nolan Committee's First Report on Standards in Public Life, which include selflessness (acting solely in the public interest), integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership.

The RCVS is looking to appoint 2 Lay Members for Veterinary Nurses Council, one to commence July 2023 and one to commence July 2024. They are looking for people with relevant experience at a senior level, e.g.: board level or equivalent. Also, to have understanding and knowledge of corporate governance, strategy and policy development, risk management and financial controls.

All committee members must:

- be committed to the Nolan Principles of Public Life;
- be able to consider the bigger picture as well as detail,
- have high levels of motivation and a willingness to constantly review and improve performance,
- be able to influence and persuade others using well-reasoned arguments,
- have the capacity to give and take advice,
- and be able to build constructive working relationships with a broad range of individuals working in different roles including fellow College Council and Committee members, staff and executive team and external experts and advisors.

**Remuneration:** Currently loss of earnings is £325.00 per day. Expenses will be covered for these roles.

**Closing date:** 4pm 29 May

**Interviews:** Thewlis Graham Associates will interview candidates w/c 29 May and w/c 5 June by video call. The RCVS Independent Selection Panel will interview shortlisted candidates w/c 19 June by video call.

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