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**Deputy Medical Director elected as Women in Surgery Chair at the Royal College of Surgeons**

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Description automatically generatedFelicity Meyer, The QEH’s Deputy Medical Director and Consultant Vascular Surgeon, has been elected as the next Women in Surgery Chair at the Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCS).**

Women in Surgery has been a national initiative of RCS England since 1991 and is dedicated to encouraging, enabling and inspiring women to fulfil their surgical career ambitions.

The ratio of male to female consultant surgeons in the UK is approximately 8:1.

Felicity’s appointment was the result of the first-ever election for the Women in Surgery Chair, which allowed members to choose who will represent them on Council as an invited member. Felicity was one of eight candidates who put themselves forward. She takes up her new role in September 2024 when the current Chair, Tamzin Cuming, steps down.

Felicity said: “I am absolutely thrilled and humbled to be the first elected chair of Women in Surgery.

“I look forward to the challenges ahead and continuing the good work of the current chair, who I will be collaborating with nationally on issues of sexual safety, a group I chair locally at The QEH."

Felicity studied Medicine at Corpus Christi College in Oxford before completing her vascular surgical training in the South East Thames region. She has been a long-standing member of Women in Surgery and she is also the RCS England flexible working advisor. Felicity is also passionate about teaching and training and is an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of East Anglia.

Dr Rebecca Martin, Medical Director at The QEH, said: “We are all very proud to have Felicity as a member of Team QEH, and wish her every success in her important additional role.”

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