

## New BAOMS Council members bring diversity and strong skills



(L-R) Danielle Britton, Deputy Junior Trainee and Members' Rep; Anne Begley, Consultant OMFS and Council Member; Elizabeth Gruber, Consultant OMFS and Council Member; Nabeela Ahmed, Consultant OMFS and Council Member; Carrie Newlands, Consultant OMFS and Council Member; and Sirisha Duggineni, Fellow in Training Deputy Representative

The British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (BAOMS) Council has confirmed the members' decision to elect three new members to Council for a three-year term: Carrie Newlands, Nabeela Ahmed and Elizabeth Gruber. This also included the re-election of Anne Begley for a further three years.

Consultant OMFS Anne Begley, who is based at Liverpool's Aintree University Hospital Regional Maxillofacial Unit, has already served three years on BAOMS Council.

Carrie Newlands is a Consultant OMFS at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, and Nabeela Ahmed recently returned from two years working in Australia and New Zealand and is now a Consultant OMFS at Nottingham's Queens Medical Centre. Elizabeth Gruber is now based at University Hospitals of Northamptonshire NHS Group.

Commenting on the Council election, Carrie Newlands said it was a real honour to have been elected: 'The results reflect the blossoming of inclusivity in surgery.'

Colleague Nabeela Ahmed was moved by the monumental support from her peers, and said that she felt empowered by the appointment: 'I am committed to promoting our specialty and demonstrating how diversity is compatible with being a surgeon.'

Elizabeth Gruber is looking forward to serving on BAOMS Council: 'Representing my peers and our trainees, building on the great work already achieved and working for the future of OMFS.'

BAOMS President Designate 2024–2025 and Council media lead Professor Kathy Fan said: 'These are strong candidates with a broad range of experience and skills that will add to the strength of BAOMS Council. I look forward to an exceptional future for our specialty.'