

Job Description

iBRANet Chairperson

iBRANet is a group of breast and reconstructive and plastic surgeons committed to the safe introduction of new techniques and devices in breast surgery, with the aim of facilitating their rapid introduction but with evaluation of safety and efficacy.

No innovation without evaluation

This is progressed at the very early stage by the innovation sub-committee and subsequently by facilitating and enabling a portfolio of evaluation studies, these commensurate with the existing evidence base and the device or technique being evaluated. These studies are often Phase IIa/b studies as defined by the IDEAL framework (although by no means exclusively).

iBRANet is collaborative and inclusive to its core; working with breast and plastic and reconstructive surgeons, trainees and consultants, academics and NHS consultants, together with patient representatives.

The Chairperson will be supported by a secretary and Executive Committee. The Executive Committee meets four times a year (on two of these occasions this meeting is with the larger Advisory Board.)

The chairperson will:

- With the Executive Committee (and taking soundings from the Advisory Board) be responsible for the overall direction of the network.
- The Chairperson and Executive, will be accountable to the ABS Academic and Research Committee and through them to the Association of Breast Surgery Executive Board and Trustees.
- Will have oversight of all iBRANet studies
- Will, with the Executive Board, be responsible for assessing new studies for adoption onto the iBRANet portfolio
- Will work closely with the chair of the Innovation sub-committee and have oversight of this
- Will work closely with the Chair of the Academic and Research Committee and keep them informed of the work and activities of the iBRA Network
- Will liaise with industry, as and when appropriate, in the setting of studies for the evaluation of new techniques
- Will liaise with plastic and reconstructive surgeons and breast surgeons in the evaluation of new techniques
- Will liaise with and encourage trainees and surgeons in the setting up of new evaluation studies

- Will liaise with Clinical Trials Units as and when appropriate in the setting up and running of new evaluation studies
- With the communications lead will be oversee the communication and publicity of the iBRANet studies

Term of Office

Two years, with potential renewal for a further three years

Eligibility

All full members of the Association of Breast Surgery

Appointment

By interview by the Association of Breast Surgery President, the Chair of the ABS Academic and Research Committee and a member of the iBRANet Advisory Board