

Sandyford Research Governance Group Terms of Reference June 2016

Purpose

The aim of the Research Governance Group (RGG) is to support the co-ordination of research that takes place in Sandyford in the context of the wider NHSGGC agenda for sexual health, and to enhance the role of Sandyford in more actively leading on sexual health research.

Aims and Objectives

- The main priority of the RGG should be to ensure that proposed research studies involving Sandyford meet relevant quality standards. The RGG's approval should be sought before applying for Ethics Committee Approval.

Additional aims, as detailed in Sandyford's Research strategy, are:

- To assess the feasibility of proposed research in terms of Sandyford's resources and capacity.
- To oversee research activities in Sandyford, preventing duplication of effort and coordinating timing of recruitment phases.
- To be a point of contact for external researchers who are considering Sandyford as a study site or collaborator.
- To link with external researchers and higher education institutions on a project by project basis.
- To provide support for researchers in Sandyford.

Membership

Member	Deputising member	Representing
Lorraine Forster	Caroline Donnelly	Management team
Jenny Dalrymple	Liz Rooney	Clinical researchers
Claudia Estcourt		Clinical researchers/consultants
Nicky Coia	Chosen delegate	Health improvement
Louise Melvin (chair)	Jenny Dalrymple (deputy chair)	Clinical researchers, consultants
Liz Rooney		Clinical researchers, nurse practitioners
Richard Kennedy		Clinical researchers, medical trainees

Accountability

The RGG will report into the Sandyford Governance Committee and will be accountable to the Sandyford Management Team. Lorraine Forster will report to the Extended Management Committee.

Meetings

The group will meet on a quarterly basis to forward plan potential opportunities for funding and collaboration, and dissemination of work.