

R&D Strategic Advisory Group

HSC R&D is supported in its work by an R&D Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) which provides advice on:

- Developing and implementing an R&D Strategy for the HSC with the aim of improving the health and social wellbeing of the population of Northern Ireland and elsewhere, and encouraging an evidence-based approach to health and social care across the HSC;
- Ensuring that the Strategy maximises the use of HSC R&D resources to meet the needs of the wider HSC, and takes account of views from a wide range of persons and organisations with an interest in HSC R&D activity, including those expressed through the Northern Ireland Forum for Health and Social Care Research;
- New developments affecting HSC R&D.

The membership of the SAG includes:

Director of HSC R&D & Chief Scientific Advisor

Assistant Director for HSC R&D

Chief professional advisors at DHSSPSNI (inc. Chief Medical Officer, Chief Nursing Officer, Chief Dental Officer, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer and Chief Social Services Officer (or nominees)

Director of Public Health, Public Health Agency

Directors of R&D in each of the five HSC Trusts (Belfast HSCT, Western HSCT, Northern HSCT, Southern HSCT, South Eastern HSCT)

Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research, QUB

Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research & Innovation, UU

Assistant Director of Commissioning – Regional
Strategic Planning

Patient & Client Council

Observers:

Representatives from the Medical Research Council, Economic and Social Research Council, Health Research Board Ireland, Institute of Public Health Ireland, and Association of Medical Research Charities.