**Our Scientific Research Committee**

We use a thorough process, which takes around five months, to help us choose the best local research (for more information, see our leaflet “How do we choose the research we fund?”)

Our Scientific Research Committee (or SRC) - which is made up of very experienced researchers, clinicians, and members of the public - plays a crucial role in helping us choose the right research.

**WE ONLY FUND THE BEST LOCAL RESEARCH**

**SRC membership**

(in alphabetical order)

**Ms Jacqueline Birks**

Senior Medical Statistician, NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre, University of Oxford.

**Prof Mike Clarke**

Professor/Director of MRC Methodology Hub; The Queen’s University of Belfast (QUB).

**Prof Margaret Cupples**

Emeritus Professor, Centre for Public Health, QUB.

**Dame Karen Dunnell**

**(SRC Chair)** Former Chief Executive of the Office for National Statistics; Former Head of the Government Statistical Service

**Prof Madeleine Ennis**

**(SRC Vice Chair)** Emeritus Professor, Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine, QUB

**Mr Gerry Finnegan**

Lay Rep

**Prof Donna Fitzsimons**

Head of School, School of Nursing and Midwifery, QUB

**Prof Anne Forster**

Professor of Stroke Rehabilitation, University of Leeds

**Prof Alison Gallagher**

Head of Doctoral College, Professor of Public Health Nutrition, Ulster University

**Dr Mark Harbinson**

Clinical Senior Lecturer, Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine, QUB

**Prof Nicholas Mays**

Director, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine; Director of PIRU

**Prof Marie Murphy**

Dean of PG Research, Director of the Ulster Doctoral College, Ulster University

**Mr Gareth Neil**

Lay Rep

**Prof Michael Shields**

**(SRC Vice Chair)** Clinical Professor, Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine, QUB

In addition to SRC members, new members for 2020 (replacing those stepping down) attended 2020 SRC meeting, as observers. (In alphabetical order):

**Dr Joe Kidney**

Consultant Respiratory Physician, Mater Hospital.

**Dr Aaron Peace**

Research and Development Director of the Western Health and Social Care Trust (WHSCT), Consultant Cardiologist, and CEO of CTRIC.

**Dr Chantal Ski**

Reader in Cardiovascular Health, School of Nursing and Midwifery, QUB.

Members due to stand down in 2020

Dr Mark Harbinson

Prof Michael Shields

Prof Madeleine Ennis

Prof Nicholas Mays

Dame Karen Dunnell

Prof Anne Forster

Gareth Neill

Gerry Finnegan

Members joining in 2020

Prof Martin McKee (to take Chair)

Jacqueline Birks

Dr Joe Kidney

Dr Aaron Peace

Dr Chantal Ski

Recruitment of new SRC members scheduled for Autumn 2020.

**SRC roles**

The SRC’s overall role is to ensure that our research programme is fair, and that it chooses the best research, based on the goals set out in our research strategy. They are also ambassadors for our research programme and our charity work.

SRC members serve for three years, and meet annually as part of the decision making process for our research grant programme. They will provide advice throughout the year on research grant matters, if and when we need this.

As part of the decision making process, they review at least one application (as part of peer review) – they provide a short written and verbal evaluation report on the application. They also score all applications, along with the rest of the SRC, on the criteria outlined in our Research Strategy.

They also help develop and review our Research Strategy, which we review every five years.

Full description available on request.

**SRC terms of reference**

Our Committee adheres to formal terms of reference. These are available on request.

**SRC conflict of interest**

All SRC members must complete a conflict of interest form before taking their place on the Committee. A template of this form is available on request.