

**UK Mental Health Research Network (MHRN)**  
**3 'A's (Adoption, Advisory & Allocation) Committee**  
**Terms of Reference**

**Meets:** Two monthly

**Accountable to:**

This is an independent Committee, reporting to the MHRN Coordinating Centre

**Membership:**

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| MHRN Director (Chair)                         | - Prof Til Wykes                           |
| MHRN Assoc. Dir. Performance                  | - Prof Shôn Lewis                          |
| Children's Representation                     | - Prof Jonathan Hill*                      |
| Department of Health Representation           | - Dr Anna Higgitt*                         |
| Hub Representation                            | - Prof Tom Craig<br>- Prof Peter Tyrer     |
| International Representation                  | - Prof Keith Lloyd*                        |
| Methodological Representation                 | - Dr Tony Johnson*                         |
| Old Age Health Representation                 | - Prof James Lindesay*                     |
| Primary Care Representation                   | - Prof Tony Kendrick*                      |
| Service User Representation                   | - Prof Peter Beresford<br>- Dr Diana Rose* |
| Social Care Representation                    | - Prof David Challis*                      |
| MHRN Research Manager (Secretariat)           | - Jacqui Kraska                            |
| MHRN Project Recruitment Manager (ex officio) | - Joanne Ashcroft                          |
| MHRN Manager (ex officio)                     | -  |

Two Hub Leads are members of the MHRN 3 'A's Committee. This membership will be on a rotational basis and reviewed every two years.

\* indicates independent of MHRN infrastructure

**Commitment:**

All studies that fulfil the Department of Health 'Eligibility for inclusion of studies in the NIHR Clinical Research Network portfolio' guidelines are eligible to run on the MHRN (ie studies that are funded in open national competition and peer-reviewed by UKCRC partners).

The MHRN 3 'A's Committee decides on:

- i) the suitability of projects funded externally to UKCRC with poor peer review to run on the UK Mental Health Research Network, arranging suitable review and assessing whether the study is of 'clear value to the NHS' (**Adoption**);
- ii) feasibility issues and design flaws and can suggest improvements (such as extending to more sites) for studies still in the outline stage (**Advisory**);
- iii) prioritisation of eligible projects, as there are limited MHRN resources (**Allocation**).

This requires a commitment from all members to attend meetings where possible.

Members who are not able to attend meetings are invited to submit written feedback on suitability of projects for adoption.

Membership will cease if members, either in person or by written feedback, do not provide information on projects for more than two consecutive 3 'A's Committee meetings.

**Confidentiality:**

Committee members are requested to abide by the MHRN 'Policy on Confidentiality and Declaration of Interests' when acting on MHRN business.

Committee members should not discuss applications directly with the CI of a project unless otherwise directed by the 3 'A's Committee. All enquiries should be directed to the MHRN Coordinating Centre.