

Sexual and Reproductive Health Clinical Studies Group (SRH CSG) Terms of reference

Goal

The Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare Clinical Studies Group (SRH CSG) of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (FSRH) develops and provides guidance for clinical and behavioural science research studies to improve the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) of people of all genders.

We are particularly interested in ways to promote positive sexual and reproductive health through ensuring that people are able to make informed choices, and in ways to implement high-quality research evidence into practice.

Role of the SRH CSG

- To develop and oversee an approved portfolio of studies in SRH
- To propose and develop well-designed studies, including trials
- To consider and provide guidance to studies proposed by others
- To provide specific advice to investigators
- To ensure consumer involvement

Membership

The CSG includes Executive and Ordinary members. The following constituencies should ideally be represented in its membership: UK researchers in Sexual and Reproductive Health, Community Sexual and Reproductive Health (CSRH) trainees, international collaborators, consumers, ex officio members, external expertise and funding bodies.

Members should be prepared to maintain commercial confidentiality when working with the pharmaceutical industry and to declare conflicts of interest.

Members should have a track record of participation in research in the relevant field. Members should contribute actively to the work of their group, and support studies within the group portfolio.

Executive members of the SRH CSG are responsible for approving decisions and are expected to attend at least one of two face-to-face meetings and two teleconferences a year. Membership will be as individuals, but individual members will be able to arrange for a substitute to attend meetings of the full CSG if they themselves are unavailable.

Members are expected to contribute to the maintenance and further development of the SRH CSG portfolio of research by:

- Demonstrating an enthusiasm and commitment to developing high-quality research in sexual and reproductive health
- Identifying, generating and prioritising ideas for new studies
- Providing guidance to junior researchers interested in sexual and reproductive health research



- Participating in the peer review process of potential studies
- Contributing to the development of high-quality applications and, when applicable, facilitate identification of studies that can be adopted by the Group
- Actively engaging, where applicable, with approved studies within the Group's portfolio (e.g. through recruitment and provision of data)
- Contributing to consultation exercises (e.g. NICE) undertaken by the Group as requested
- Providing expert advice to funders and the wider clinical, academic and lay community as required
- Liaising with FSRH committees as required and, via the Chair, reporting back to FSRH Council and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) Research Committee

Membership of the CSG is unpaid but reasonable travel expenses to meetings will be reimbursed. Administrative support will be provided by the Faculty.