

IHRF Factsheet

About the Forum

The Irish Health Research Forum (IHRF) was established by the Medical Research Charities Group (MRCG) in 2014, on foot of their major report "The Health Research Landscape in Ireland: What Researchers Say". The IHRF is a partnership of organisations and stakeholders that aims to influence health research in Ireland and allows these bodies to work together to enable high quality research, to support research careers and to promote the involvement of patients. The Forum considers key health research issues, identifies constructive solutions and seeks consensus at twice annual Forum meetings of health research stakeholder. The IHRF is funded and managed by the Medical Research Charities Group.



STEERING GROUP

The role of the Steering Group is to execute the work of the forum, to identify topics and issues for consideration and prepare for the Forum meetings.

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Previous Forum Meetings

Public and Patient Involvement (PPI) in Research

4th November 2014

PPI ensures the active involvement of the public in all forms of research by bringing together expertise, insight and experience in the field of public involvement in research.

Process to Prioritise Research Questions for Policy, Practice and Services

12th May 2015

This Forum meeting focused on how to prioritise research questions and sought opinion from the HRB, Patient Groups and international guests.

If research is such a GOOD THING, why do we make it so HARD for researchers?

3rd November 2015

The purpose of this Forum was to lay out the career challenges facing researchers in the clinical and academic environment.

How can legislation facilitate health research?

10th May 2016

The impetus for this Forum was the implementation of the EU Regulations on Clinical Trails (EUCT) and Data Protection (EUDP) in 2016 as well as the forthcoming Bill on Health Information and Patient Safety (HIPS).

The Health Research Landscape in Ireland: Where are we now?

14th November 2017

This Forum revisited the topics from previous events, taking stock of the current landscape in relation to legislation relevant to health research, researcher careers and public and patient involvement (PPI).

Documents from the Forum

The IHRF has produced valuable documents to assist our colleagues produce the best quality research possible. All are available on www.ihrf.ie



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