### The Society for Research in Rehabilitation

## **Research Facilitation Policy**

Thank you for visiting the SRR Research Facilitation Policy which relates to requests from SRR members or non-members (clinicians, researchers, organisations) for information on research activity to be circulated by SRR.

The SRR statement about our mission/object (stated in both the Constitution and GDPR policy) is that SRR aims to "advance education and research into all aspects of rehabilitation of people with disability and to disseminate the useful results of such research for public benefit".

In keeping with this object, SRR facilitation of research activity is appropriate.

Current options for circulation of research activity include emails direct to members and/or circulation of research activity through the SRR website and through the SRR twitter feed.

Both twitter and the SRR website are open access. These options can be used without issue to promote research activity, as SRR deems appropriate.

Emails sent directly to SRR members are subject to compliance with our GDPR policy. The GDPR policy states; "we use your details to correspond via email on Society and research in rehabilitation specific information". A further GDPR section includes the following;

"We may use Membership information to:

- send you a quarterly newsletter via email;
- seek your views or comments on NICE consultations or Society specific constitution amendments;
- notify you of relevant conferences, workshops, research opportunities/activity, vacancies and fellowships;
- contact you regarding membership payment issues
- request update details for the membership database"

Thus, appropriate research activity may be circulated to SRR members.

# What is appropriate research activity?

Appropriate activity is that which addresses research in the field of rehabilitation. This may be a request for people to take part in a research study. The following should be in place for such 'gatekeeper' requests: Principal investigator, Academic/NHS institution and Ethical approval (or justification for non-requirement of ethics) for the research study.

Appropriate research activity may also include requests to disseminate patient and public involvement information, research blogs, research results summaries, and similar.

# What circulation option is used?

#### **Non-SRR** members

Requests for circulation of research activity will go out via the SRR twitter feed.

#### **SRR** members

Requests for circulation of research activity will go out via the SRR website and twitter feed for aspects such as blogs and research summaries.

Research information that has been subject to ethical approval with peer review (e.g. gatekeeper requests) will be circulated through SRR member emails along with circulation via the website and twitter feed.

## Who processes these queries?

Requests typically come to the SRR email address. These are forwarded in the first instance to the SRR President who determines the level of research information, as outlined above. The SRR business service will check the membership database to determine membership status.