



1. Purpose of the Committee

- 1.1 To provide expert advice on issues relating to the interpretation of scientific research into clear, accessible risk-reduction advice for carers of young babies and professionals.
- 1.2 The Group is independent from the Board of Trustees and makes recommendations based on scientific knowledge and evidence.
- 1.3 The Group will meet quarterly.
- 1.4 The remit of the group will be to:
 - a) Ensure advice given by the Lullaby Trust is backed by published, peer-reviewed research.
 - b) Review newly published research to consider any changes to advice that may reduce infant mortality. This may include research directly related to SIDS and also to behaviour change and accessibility as well as other aspects or unexpected infant mortality.
 - c) Approve any new advice or wording where published and peer review scientific research is agreed to have predominantly favoured this.
 - d) Consider wording and changes to existing advice to ensure clarity and accessibility.
 - e) Review new resources to ensure consistency.
 - f) Ensure data and statistics around infant mortality used by the Lullaby Trust are correct and up to date.
 - g) Consider baby products in line with safer sleep advice to support our support and information service as well as with fundraising and corporate partnerships.
 - h) Approve the content and wording of the evidence base.
- 1.5 Where there is disagreement, a compromise will try to be reached. Approval does not need to be unanimous but at least half of the group must agree. Where agreement cannot be met the Chair will have the deciding vote.

2. Membership

- 2.1 The Scientific Advisory Group operates separately to other Committees which are delegated from the Board. Members of the Group are expected to make decisions based on their professional knowledge.
- 2.2 The Group will consist of at least six members, and at least one member of the Group shall also be a Trustee. The Group will represent wide clinical research interests including physiology, epidemiology, paediatrics, pathology, psychiatry/psychology and public health. Membership will include the Chair of The Lullaby Trust's Services Committee. The Chief Executive will also be a member of the Group.



2.3 Members will be nominated by the Group. The Chair will be voted by the Group and should not serve for more than three consecutive three-year terms.

2.4 A quorum of four Group members will be necessary, one of whom must be the Chair and the other the CEO.

2.5 The Chair will be responsible for leading meetings, reviewing and approving meeting notes and may attend meetings of the Board of Trustees.

2.6 The Head of Support and Information, the Head of Communications and External Affairs and the Policy and Research Manager will attend meetings.

3. Terms of service

3.1 Members shall serve for a period of three years with the possibility of re-appointment for further terms comprising a period of nine years in total.

3.2 Members who have not attended a meeting in two years nor contributed to the work of the Group will be deemed to have retired.

4. Conflict of interest

4.1 Members of the Group should inform The Lullaby Trust of any conflicts of interest that may affect their impartiality and ability to provide balanced advice.

5. Honorarium

5.1 Members will not be paid an honorarium for serving on the Scientific Advisory Group.

5.2 Reasonable travel expenses may be claimed for attendance at in-person meetings.

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