

The Lullaby Trust Scientific Advisory Group



Terms of Reference

Purpose

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.

Delegated Powers

The Group is independent from the Board of Trustees and makes recommendations based on scientific knowledge and evidence.

Activities

- Ensure advice given by the Lullaby Trust is backed by published, peer-reviewed research
- 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.
- Approve any new advice or wording where published and peer review scientific research is agreed to have predominantly favoured this.
- Consider wording and changes to existing advice to ensure clarity and accessibility.
- Review new resources to ensure consistency.
- Ensure data and statistics around infant mortality used by the Lullaby Trust are correct and up to date.
- Consider baby products in line with safer sleep advice to inform the charity whether or not they support and aid safer sleep advice to support advice and fundraising.
- Approve the content and wording of the evidence base.

Where there is disagreement, a compromise in the wording of the advice will try to be reached. Approval does not need to be unanimous but at least half of the group of Advisors must agree for the advice to be signed off. Where agreement cannot be met the Chair will have the deciding vote.

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

Group Composition and Terms of Office

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.

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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.

Members will be nominated by the Group. 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.

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

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

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

The Head of Support and Information, the Head of Communications and the Policy and Research Officer will be in attendance at meetings.

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