

NORTHERN IRELAND AHP RESEARCH FORUM

In order to capitalise on the success of the recent AHP Conference on 17th October 2006, we would like to set up a local AHP Research Forum, which includes members from the service and academia, with links to the UK Research Forum for Allied Health Professions. The aims of such a group would be to organise a programme of relevant research events following on from the initial information day on the 17th, identify opportunities to promote research activity amongst AHPs with the hope of demonstrating the benefits it can bring to the service, respond to relevant consultations, identify opportunities to influence the research agenda on behalf of AHPs and provide a more extensive support network for AHPs who are interested in getting involved in research.

Our first meeting would be convened to gauge the amount of interest, and decide on a preliminary work programme for the Forum. We are keen to invite Professor Jackie Campbell, Chair of the UK Research Forum for AHPs, along with Liz White, the convenor, or her replacement, to an early meeting so that we can align our work with the UK Forum.

The R&D Office and the Allied Health Professions Centre for Professional Development would like to invite those who would be interested in getting involved in this group to an Inaugural Meeting on February 15th 2007. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending so that I can have an idea of numbers.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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