

## UK CFS/ME Research Collaborative (CMRC)

### Our purpose

To promote the discovery of the biological mechanisms that underpin CFS/ME, which, together with clinical observation, will drive the development of targeted new treatments for this highly underserved patient population.

### Our objectives

- To design, implement and analyse the outcome of a cross-stakeholder, comprehensive, national research strategy for CFS/ME and experimental medicine.
- To create an open cross-sector platform for effective knowledge-exchange and data-sharing both nationally and internationally, in order to optimise research, raise awareness of the disease, and influence policymakers and investors.

### Values

- We are an intellectually generous community sharing data, best practice and technologies.
- We are a creative community harnessing new ideas, new technologies and new ways of working.
- We are a collaborative community inviting all stakeholders to join our programmes and shape our activity.
- We are an enabling community, facilitating the leverage of further resources for CFS/ME research.

### Membership

- **Professional Membership (£20 per annum):** Open to all healthcare professionals, researchers, charities and industry involved in CFS/ME research.
- **Student Membership (£15 per annum):** Open to students who are actively registered on a research, health, social care or related course with an academic institution.
- **Associate Membership (free):** Open to anyone with an interest in CFS/ME research including people with the illness, their carers and families.

Membership applications should be made on the membership applications form and returned to the Secretariat. Members are advised that by joining the CMRC, they agree to have their details kept on a secure database for purposes of CMRC communication by the Secretariat and on the understanding that the information will not be passed to other organisations, and will be kept in accordance with the Secretariat's Data Protection Policy and Procedure, compliant with relevant data protection law. Members will be required to confirm their agreement to work within the values of the CMRC.

### CMRC Executive Board

The role of the Board is to set the scientific strategy of the CMRC to deliver its purpose and achieve its objectives. It will meet at least quarterly and hold its AGM in April each year. The Board will comprise:

- Scientific researchers, serving or as invited to serve
- Representatives of UK research funders invited to serve



- Representatives of industry/pharmaceutical companies, serving or as invited to serve
- Representatives of UK charities funding research, serving or as invited to serve, including representatives of non-CFS/ME charities where there are synergies of work
- Up to two representatives of the Patient Advisory Group
- Other individuals capable of promoting the work of the CMRC invited to serve.

The Board will endeavour to reach decisions by consensus. Absent consensus, decisions will be made by majority vote of the members present and voting, the Chair having a casting vote.

A Chair and a Deputy Chair will be nominated and elected, normally after a five-year term of office, by consensus, or in default by majority vote of the Board members present and voting.