Cancer Research UK
Population Research Committee
Supplementary Terms of Reference

This document sets out the key responsibilities that the Scientific Executive Board (SEB) has delegated to the Population Research Committee (the Committee or PRC). It should be read in conjunction with the General Terms of Reference for Funding Committees.

1 Remit
1.1. To be responsible for the oversight, review, funding and management of Cancer Research UK’s portfolio in population sciences in accordance with Cancer Research UK’s research strategy, covering all aspects of:
   - Cancer symptoms: natural history and awareness
   - The early diagnosis pathway including alternative routes to diagnosis
   - Interventions to increase presentation to primary care or uptake of screening
   - Screening as a form of prevention and early diagnosis
   - Behavioural and lifestyle interventions to prevent cancer (individual or population level), including prevention of cancer recurrence
   - Classical and health epidemiology, plus survival and incidence rates
   - Repurposing of existing cohorts for ‘omics studies (excluding genetic epidemiology)
   - Secondary physical effects of cancer treatment
   - Methodological and statistical research relating to population sciences
1.2. The PRC and its supporting Cancer Research UK staff will work with the NCRI and the NIHR CRN, including the site specific and cross-cutting Clinical Studies Groups.

2 Additional Terms
2.1. To oversee all aspects of Cancer Research UK’s funding for projects, programmes and post-doctoral fellowships in the area of population sciences, excluding clinical trials, programmes and projects falling within the remits of other CRUK funding committees.
2.2. To keep abreast of and, where relevant, respond to external factors such as government policies which impact on Cancer Research UK’s population sciences research portfolio.
2.3. To provide input into the New Investigator Committee and Clinical Careers Committee by identifying training needs and opportunities in relation to population sciences.
2.4. To receive reports from the Bupa Foundation Fund and innovation workshops about seed-funding awards.

3 Membership
3.1 PRC will comply with the membership requirements in the General Terms of Reference for Funding Committees.

4 Meetings
4.1 The Committee will meet twice a year to consider the funding schemes within its remit.
4.2 If invited by the SEB, the Chair of the Committee will attend an SEB meeting on an annual basis to ensure that the Committee is aligned with the strategic priorities of Cancer Research UK.

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