

## Proforma for recognition as CSP CI/OG

Title of the group: Physiotherapy Research Society

Acronym: PRS

Type of group: Occupational group

Total No of members: 92 (90 physiotherapists)

Is the group currently recognised? No

When was the group formed? 1992

What clinical interest or occupational group does the group represent?  
Physiotherapy research

If the group is recognised, to which pilot umbrella group should it be assigned?  
PRS does not fit into any of the umbrella groups as it covers all aspects of physiotherapy practice.

List the groups five main achievements over the last five years.

### 1. CPD

PRS runs bi-annual scientific meetings to disseminate research findings. During these meetings workshops are often run to address issues such as: applying for grant funding, writing for publication, presentation skills, statistics/methodology updates and analysing qualitative data. In addition, PRS particularly aims to offer a supportive and encouraging environment for novice researchers who are inexperienced at presenting at scientific meetings.

### 2. Influencing /informing

PRS forms a national network for physiotherapists who are actively involved in, or interested in physiotherapy research. The bi-annual scientific meetings offer excellent networking opportunities. As well as physiotherapy researchers, the meetings attract physiotherapists who are not actively involved in research but who attend to meet others to gain information about physiotherapy research findings. We also produce a biannual newsletter that is distributed to all members and post-graduate course leaders. In 2003 we launched a website ([www.prs-uk.org](http://www.prs-uk.org)) to further promote the Society and its activities.

### 3. Promoting Physiotherapy:

The primary aim of PRS is to promote physiotherapy research, which it does primarily by holding bi-annual scientific meetings. The proceedings are publicised to a wider audience by publication in the *Physiotherapy* journal. By arranging joint meetings with other research groups we promote physiotherapy research beyond the profession and our links with other countries spreads the word beyond the UK.

#### **4. Quality assurance.**

By providing for the dissemination of physiotherapy research findings, PRS enables physiotherapists to deliver the clinical governance agenda. Quality assurance is implicit within the aims and activities of PRS

#### **5. Research and clinical effectiveness**

The whole purpose of PRS is to promote physiotherapy research. This is implicit within the aims and activities of the Society.

#### **Does the group have links with other groups/networks? Yes**

PRS has links with the research group of the Danish Physiotherapy Society and we regularly exchange journals/newsletters. Several Dutch (Holland-based) physiotherapists are members of PRS and have presented at scientific meetings. We also strive to arrange joint meetings with other groups with similar aims to ours. In 2003 we had a joint meeting with the Scottish Physiotherapy Research Network in Edinburgh and in Spring 2005 we will run a joint 2-day scientific meeting with the Society for Research in Rehabilitation.

#### **Executive Structure and Members**

Chair:	Mr Martin Watson University of East Anglia
Secretary:	Dr Sarah Tyson, University of Salford
Treasurer:	Dr Heather Holder-Powell, Kings College London
Minutes Secretary:	Ms Louise Connell, University of Nottingham
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