

CAHPR Strategic Plan 2017-2022

Mission statement: The Council for Allied Health Professions Research exists to develop allied health profession research, strengthen evidence of the professions' value and impact for enhancing service user and community care, and enable the professions to speak with one voice on research issues, thereby raising their profile and increasing their influence.

To deliver its mission CAHPR has set out **5 Strategic Objectives:**

To strengthen CAHPR's profile and capacity for expanded activity through a sustainable model of development and delivery

To build AHP capacity for research activity, including through collaborations and communities of practice

To develop the scale, depth and quality of AHP research through skills development and strengthened opportunities for research-oriented career progression

To strengthen CAHPR's support for AHP research, underpinned by its regional network and delivery of distinctive CAHPR resources

To increase CAHPR's strategic influence with key stakeholders, including through alignment with national health and care priorities, European and international developments

Key areas of activity to meet Strategic Objectives

1. To strengthen CAHPR's profile and capacity for expanded activity through a sustainable model of development and delivery

Review/develop CAHPR website and communications

Promote AHP research through national research awards

Support CAHPR hubs to promote activities

Review the CAHPR funding tariff/model for 2020

Seek opportunities for external funding

2. To build AHP capacity for research activity, including through collaborations and communities of practice

Maintain a stable CAHPR hub network

Promote support offered by CAHPR to qualified AHPs

Increase reach to raise awareness and support to AHPs at pre-registration education level

Engage managers in the importance of AHP research engagement/activity for service development/delivery/quality improvement

3. To develop the scale, depth and quality of AHP research through skills development and strengthened opportunities for research-oriented career progression

Develop a strategy and action plan for normalising joint clinical/academic appointments

Support CAHPR Hubs to deliver activities to meet AHP needs

4. To strengthen CAHPR's support for AHP research, underpinned by its regional network and delivery of distinctive CAHPR resources

Maintain CAHPR committee structure (Strategy Committee, Regional Hub Forum and Professoriate) and facilitate joint activities

- Test out/progress approaches to optimising the input/expertise of the professoriate

Progress/evaluate the NIHR CAHPR AHP research champion model

Develop/progress a staged approach to engaging/enabling the meaningful participation of experts by experience in CAHPR

5. To increase CAHPR's strategic influence with key stakeholders, including through alignment with national health and care priorities, European and international developments

Develop stronger links with government bodies across the UK

Explore strategic links and influencing activity with health and care systems

(including accountable care systems in England and the equivalent structures in the other countries) to make the case for the value and impact of AHP research engagement/activity

Maintain and further develop relationships with existing project partners (e.g. PHE, NIHR)

Deliver CAHPR responses to consultations on key policy topics