

## Research Committee

### ***The Research Committee exists to ensure that:***

- research conducted by staff is applicable to people with cerebral palsy and/or significant and complex disabilities and is an effective use of resources
- staff are encouraged and supported to engage in research activities
- applied research conducted with Cerebral Palsy Alliance resources is applicable to people with cerebral palsy and/or significant and complex disabilities
- collaborative and conjoint research is conducted with appropriate academic departments and other service providers.

### ***The Research Committee (as a subcommittee of the Board) is composed of:***

- two Board members and one as (Chairperson)
- Company Secretary.

Invited participants:

- Chief Executive Officer of Cerebral Palsy Alliance
- General Manager, Strategy, Research and Planning
- Head of Research, Cerebral Palsy Institute
- research expert/s.

The advice of an appropriate researcher may be sought on projects outside the expertise of the Research Committee members.

### ***The role of the Research Committee is to:***

- approve all research projects conducted in Cerebral Palsy Alliance prior to obtaining ethical approval and to make recommendations to the Board for final approval of research projects
- develop a Research Agenda and Research Plan for Cerebral Palsy Alliance
- facilitate the support of staff to engage in research and to provide leadership to promote the involvement of clients as partners in research
- advocate for the benefits of research and appropriate resources
- establish suitable guidelines for research projects to be conducted within Cerebral Palsy Alliance either by internal or external investigators
- refer projects to the Ethics Committee for approval.

### ***Reporting of the Research Committee:***

The Research Committee will report and make research approval recommendations to the Board as a standing item at Board meetings.