**NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) National Priority Programme -**

**Mental Health, including children and young people’s mental health**

**Governance structures**

**Mental Health Implementation Network Advisory Board**

Set up as an advisory panel, the MHIN Advisory Board does not have any formal accountability within the governance structure of the ARC MHIN and, as such, does not have responsibility for its leadership, direction or scrutiny. In broad terms the Board has the following remit:

1. To provide high-level guidance on the development and implementation of the MHIN programme.
2. To act as a source of advice and to provide reflection and learning to the MHIN.
3. To provide feedback on the direction of the MHIN and how the MHIN is delivering against its strategy.
4. To research specific issues and to feed back to the MHIN executive as discussed and agreed.
5. To identify stakeholders and to develop relationships and networks.

Members are invited to sit on the Board based on their expertise and interest in mental health, including children and young people’s mental health.

Membership suggestions were included in the application for the ARC MHIN. These have been supplemented by proposals from the MHIN executive group.

**Mental Health Implementation Network Executive Committee**

The role of the Mental Health Implementation Network (MHIN) Executive is to:

1. Act as the key decision-making body for the NIHR ARC National Priority Programme – Mental Health, including children and young people’s mental health, with responsibility for the day-to-day running of the programme.
2. Monitor the performance of the programme, to ensure it meets its aims and that tangible outcomes are being delivered as set out in the application submitted to NIHR.
3. Bring together all the lead individuals with responsibility for key aspects of programme delivery, with responsibility for the delivery of the programme’s delivery plan.
4. Be responsible for assuring the quality of the workstreams, including progress review and audit.
5. Seek and act upon guidance from the Mental Health Implementation Network Advisory Board.
6. Monitor flows and usage of grant funds (NIHR funding).

As designated by the NIHR, the National Priority Programme in Mental Health, including children and young people’s mental health is led by NIHR ARC South London, in partnership with NIHR ARC East of England.