About the Forum

The Irish Health Research Forum (IHRF) was established by the Medical Research Charities Group on foot of their major report ‘The Health Research Landscape in Ireland: What Researchers Say’ in 2014. It continues to be led and managed by the MRCG and is nationally recognised for the quality and value of its events.

The Forum considers key health research issues, identifies constructive solutions and seeks consensus at twice annual Forum meetings of Health Research stakeholders with the goal of working towards the realisation of positive effects for health research, health care and ultimately the patients and public.

The IHRF Steering Group comprises of stakeholders with significant profile in health research and facilitates a coordinated approach positively influencing the health research environment in Ireland.

STEERING GROUP

The role of the Steering Group is to execute the work of the forum, to identify topics and issues for consideration and prepare for the Forum meetings.

- **Prof Brendan Buckley**, Chairperson IHRF Steering Group. Honorary Clinical/Adjunct Professor - UCC BUCD
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- **Prof Roger O’Sullivan**, Interim Chief Executive, Institute of Public Health
- **Dr Conor O’Carroll**, Independent Consultant on Research and Higher Education policy and funding
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Documents from the Forum

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