

Health Protection Agency NW Research & Development Group

Terms of Reference

The Health Protection Agency NW Research & Development Group (HPA NW R&D Group) is accountable to the Regional Management Team and includes representatives of Regional Epidemiology, Microbiology, Health Emergency Planning, Environmental Services and each Health Protection Unit.

The HPA NW R&D Group aims to:

1. Develop health protection R&D strategy in the Region on behalf of the Regional Management Team
2. Provide a forum for
 - i. discussion of collaborative possibilities
 - ii. responding to proposals of R&D from other regional groups (eg Zoonoses group and Communicable Disease Task Force)
 - iii. identifying the scope of R&D work in the Region
 - iv. identifying ways in which existing R&D achievements can be disseminated, built upon and inform local practice within the region
3. Facilitating the identification of resources for R&D in the Region, including available grants, personnel, training and facilities.
4. Coordinate the initiation and audit of R&D activity throughout the Health Protection Agency in the North West.
5. Be a means by which regional issues may be raised nationally and vice versa