

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 The Spastic Centre 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 The Spastic Centre
- 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 The Spastic Centre 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 The Spastic Centre
- 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 The Spastic Centre 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.