

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

ALL WALES RESEARCH NETWORK

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Organisation

- 1.1 The All Wales Research Network will operate as a subgroup of the Occupational Therapy Advisory Forum (OTAF) with periodic representation by a network member at OTAF meetings.
- 1.2 A core group of up to 6 individuals will meet on a monthly basis in the initial 6 month development phase.
- 1.3 The Network will be virtual in nature, disseminating information via an email network and social media.
- 1.4 To undertake periodic evaluations of the Network.

2. Membership

- 2.1 The Network comprises Occupational Therapy staff in Wales who have an interest in the development and sharing of professional intelligence gained through audit, service evaluation and research. The membership will include staff working in health, social care, housing, higher education, third sector, private sector, independent practice and occupational therapy students.

3. Purpose of the Network

- 3.1 To develop / strengthen an occupational therapy research environment and culture in Wales.
- 3.2 To build research capacity within the profession.
- 3.3 To support and enhance the development of occupational therapy evidence based practice in Wales
- 3.4 To support staff in moving along the continuum from undertaking service evaluation to research.
- 3.5 To identify mentors and champions across Wales who are able to support local staff with their personal development needs in relation to undertaking research.
- 3.6 To develop a website as a resource for Occupational Therapists who are engaged in professional intelligence and research.
- 3.7 To plan and organise a one day conference to share the successes of the network and to disseminate professional intelligence and research.

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