WHY OUR MEMBERS GET INVOLVED

EvIR Funders’ Forum
We are health research funders from around the world. We come together to advance our practice and increase the value of research.

We believe that organisations that fund health-related research or set funding policies have a responsibility to advance knowledge and the practices of health-related research.

Our Goal
To maximise the probability of benefits to society from health-related research by advancing the practices of research and research funding. To do this we:

SHARE
A space for members to engage in networking and mentorship, discuss common challenges with peers, and access tools, contacts, and curated lists of information developed by leaders in the field.

LEARN
- Surveys of policies and practice allow for facilitated learning, including benchmarking and evaluation of progress.
- Engagement with peers in health research, including publishers, researchers, research users, and others, foster collaborative efforts and enhance efficiency.
- Webinars and the EvIR Conference provide opportunities for knowledge-sharing and collective understanding of best-practices.

COLLABORATE
- Opportunities for collaborative investment and joint action.
- At round table meetings, actively participate in the development of thinking, action and resources, share and hear what other funders are doing, and influence future direction of the Forum.
- In working groups and communities of practice, drive specific areas of interest to your organisation.
- At the EvIR Conference, engage in wider dissemination and learning across the research community on issues that are important to the EvIR Forum value and principles.

CONTRIBUTE
- To developing policies and minimum standards, to support accountable practices in the developing field of health research funding.
- To develop and/or participate surveys and specific projects/papers.
Accomplishments to date

Testimonials: The Guiding Principles have supported organisations to identify opportunities to improve research, develop and/or implement quality-improving interventions, governance and policies:

- **HRB**: “As part of our new HRB strategy 2021-2025, research on research is now a strategic action for the first time. The Guiding Principles have prompted a number of quality improvement interventions …. including the introduction of narrative CVs”.

- **Forte**: “We have had a series of workshops with the management and parts of the staff on the Guiding Principles. The internal work has improved the knowledge around the principles and has led to improvements in our work. We have developed PPI, evaluation criteria, the formulation of our calls, the work with our review committees and initiatives on dissemination and implementation”.

- **Stroke Association UK** “implemented an outcomes framework in our applications based on academic consensus statements, so applicants should reference and justify the outcome measures the plan to use”.