

Constitution

I. Name

The Group will be known as the International Child Health Group (ICHG) in association with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH).

II. Aim and Objectives

The International Child Health Group is one of the Speciality Groups of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. It aims to promote the health and well-being of children globally, particularly in low and middle income countries. It does not seek to duplicate the role or actions of others; rather to complement these, identify and address gaps, and add value. The work of ICHG is planned on a yearly basis to meet the following objectives:

To increase knowledge and skills in global health – through actions such as:

- advising on the UK global health in the training curriculum
- running meetings and courses on global health.
- supporting training in low resource countries
- developing skills in multicultural health for those working in the NHS

To support individuals and networks – through actions such as:

- exchanging information, opinion and advice between healthcare workers in low, middle and high resource countries
- providing child health professionals, medical students and trainees with a vision for working internationally.
- helping paediatricians to develop careers that include improving child health in low and middle income countries
- supporting paediatricians, child health professionals and UK volunteers working in low resource environments

To act as an advocate on behalf of children – for example by:

1. influencing RCPCH, government, industry, international agencies and NGOs in their policies and practices in relation to child health
2. Promoting the values and tenets of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in relation to the work of the RCPCH and UK government in both national and international settings

Note: The ICHG **may** act independently of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

III. Membership

Membership will be open to all with a professional interest in advancing child health globally. Members are welcome from all professions and disciplines.

IV. Committee

1. The Committee will be composed of at least nine members, nominated by the group, and selected by ICHG committee. Any ICHG member can request to stand on ICHG committee. A quorum will be 4 committee members including an officer.
2. The Committee is required to select from its number a Chair, Deputy Chair and Treasurer. Other roles such as editor for the newsletter and website manager may be appointed as required. Officers may be appointed from any discipline, though should the committee decide to elect a chair who is not a member of RCPCH, this should be confirmed by members voting at an AGM.
3. The term of office for the chair will be 3 years. Committee members will be appointed for 3 year terms, after which they will resign, and may be reappointed. It is recommended that the Chair and Deputy chair should not retire from the Committee at the same time.

V. Organisation

1. The Committee will meet at least 3 times a year. At least one of these meetings will be face to face. There will be a General Meeting annually, with notice given 3 weeks in advance to members. Voting for any motion can be made in absentia, if received 48 hours prior to the AGM.
2. Quorum for the AGM will be 10 members including an officer and at least three other members of the committee.
3. The Committee will organise the AGM and at least 2 scientific meetings annually, one of which will be at the RCPCH annual conference.
4. The Constitution can be amended only at the AGM. Any amendment must be submitted to the chair in writing / by email not later than 6 weeks before the AGM. The chair will give notice to members in writing of these amendments not later than 3 weeks before the AGM.
5. The committee will agree a yearly work plan.

VI. Finances

1. An annual subscription will be levied. Changes in the amount are to be determined at the AGM, with suitable arrangements for members not normally resident in the UK.
2. There will be a bank account for the Group. A resolution of the Group will give the Treasurer authority to administer the account. Subscription by standing order is encouraged.

3. If sponsorship is sought, the source of the sponsorship must be approved by the Committee. Sponsorship for meetings and other activities will be sought only from institutions and companies with ethical policies compatible with the objectives of the ICHG.