Terms of Reference of the LIIPS Research and Evaluation group

The role of the group:

Facilitate the development of Research and Evaluation in the context of LIIPS in consultation with the Core Development Group (and other LIIPS Groups).

The scope is both research (creating new knowledge to inform what needs to be done) and evaluation (evaluating an improvement /intervention).

The aims of the group:

- Develop Research and Evaluation activity by building on the existing resources and good practice locally and beyond.
- Generate enthusiasm and nurture interest and action
- Build relationships internally and externally

The objectives of the group:

- Facilitate structures/processes for developing and reviewing collaborative bids for submission to funders for research and evaluation activities
- Act as a resource on research and evaluation for advice, information and guidance within LIIPS and across the core partner organisations
- Collect and collate the learning and communicate this to other parts of LIIPS and beyond
- Identify resource (students, funds) streams and share within LIIPS community
- Host a forum for identifying collaborators and sharing information
- What are the measures of success – what metrics could be used?
  - bids (research/ evaluation/studentships) submitted, success rate, ££ awarded
  - publications submitted, success rate, impact factors
  e.g. within first year:
    - one grant submitted enabled by the group,
    - all LIIPS organisations involved in group meetings and activities,
    - evidence of growing critical mass – increase in number and range of mix of backgrounds of individuals in the group.