

**DHSC ROUNDTABLE MEETING
RESEARCH ON ADULT HEARING LOSS & TINNITUS
TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2020, 10AM – 1PM**

AGENDA

This event will bring together a wide range of stakeholders and partners to discuss issues relating to research on adult hearing loss and tinnitus. The aim is to discuss research priorities and how we can address major outstanding issues by growing the capacity and capability of these research sectors. The focus will be on identifying specific short, medium and long term actions for how we can all work together to improve outcomes for people who experience these conditions.

The meeting will take place as an **online videoconference, using Zoom**. Dial-in details are provided in the attached **guidance** for using Zoom (and accessing speech-to-text reporting).

- I. **Welcome / introductions, objectives of the roundtable** – Chair: Pádraig Kitterick
- II. **Ministerial opening comments** - Lord Bethell of Romford, DHSC Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Innovation)
- III. **Research commissioners / funders** - Overview of role and remit on hearing loss and tinnitus
 - Claire Kidgell - National Institute of Health Research (NIHR)
 - David Stockdale - British Tinnitus Association (BTA)
 - Ralph Holme – Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID)
 - Clara Fons - UKRI Medical Research Council (MRC)
- IV. **Scene setting** - NIHR Biomedical Research Centres (BRCs)

This session will (i) summarise work already undertaken to engage with clinicians, patients, and other stakeholders in the fields of hearing loss and tinnitus in setting the research agenda, (ii) identify key priorities and examples of progress, and (iii) introduce issues for discussion in the roundtable.

- Anne Schilder (UCL) - GENERATE & ENT Hearing & Balance priorities
- Derek Hoare (Nottingham) - Priority Setting Partnerships & recommendations from Cochrane reviews
- Kevin Munro (Manchester) – Clinical guidance and research recommendations from the National Institute of Health & Care Excellence (NICE)

V. **Open discussions**

Building on the opening presentations, this section will discuss three key themes/issues. Each theme will be introduced with a short presentation, followed by a roundtable discussion.

- (A) Kevin Munro (Manchester) – Hearing loss, tinnitus, and healthy ageing
- (B) Derek Hoare (Nottingham) - Understanding the causes of, and risk factors for, hearing loss and tinnitus
- (C) Anne Schilder (UCL) - Infrastructure and training

VI. **Closing remarks** - Chair

