



Specialised Healthcare Alliance

Remit

The Specialised Healthcare Alliance has been established to seek uniformly high levels of care and access to all evidence-based treatments by:

- Advocacy and campaigns on behalf of people with specialised medical conditions*;
- Using all channels to raise the profile of specialised healthcare;
- Collecting and disseminating authoritative information about the effectiveness of arrangements for specialised commissioning;
- Working with all interested parties to address and remedy problems where they arise.

Membership

Membership of the Alliance is open to patient groups and healthcare companies with an interest in specialist conditions. By joining the Alliance, members agree to support its objectives and associated activity.

Chair

Members will elect an individual of suitable standing to chair meetings and to act as a principal spokesperson in representing the Alliance to Government and other parties.

Meetings

Meetings of the Alliance will be held at regular intervals to discuss developments of mutual interest and the Alliance's activities, with a view to ensuring the support of all members.

Secretariat

A secretariat will be appointed to implement the Alliance's programme of activity.

Finance

The costs of the Alliance will be funded by company members on a breakeven basis.

Notice and termination

Members may decide to leave the Alliance with one month's written notice. The Alliance will be wound up when a majority of members so decide.

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*defined in the Specialised Services National Definitions Set