**Behavioural, Epidemiologic and Health Services Research Group**

**of the British Society for Oral and Dental Research**

**Constitution**

**Article 1**

**Name**

The name of this organisation shall be the Behavioural, Epidemiologic and Health Services Research Group (BEHSR) of the British Society for Oral and Dental Research (BSODR).

**Article 2**

**Objectives of the BEHSR**

1. To promote and encourage research in the behavioural, epidemiologic, social sciences and health services related to oral and dental health.
2. To provide a forum for interdisciplinary communication and the exchange of scientific information pertaining to all aspects of behavioural, epidemiological, social sciences and health services research related to oral and dental health research.
3. To promote the transformation of dental curricula with the inclusion of distinct and appropriate behavioural and social science input across all years of undergraduate and postgraduate dental education.
4. To assist in the dissemination of knowledge in relation to behavioural, epidemiologic, social sciences and health services research related to oral and dental health to relevant bodies and the public.
5. To assist the BSODR in developing its scientific programme.
6. To foster links with other, accordant organisations.

Article 3

**Membership**

1. Membership shall be open to
   1. any member of BSODR with an interest in any aspect of behavioural, epidemiologic, social sciences and health services related to oral and dental health.
2. No fee will be levied on BSODR members.
3. The committee will decide the annual subscription fee to be levied from non-BSODR members of the BEHSR, subject to agreement at the annual general meeting of the group.
4. Membership will lapse for those who are more than 12 months in arrears with subscriptions
5. Fees will normally be paid by Direct Debit.
6. Applications for membership shall be submitted to the Secretary and approved by the Committee.

**Article 4**

**Meetings**

1. The BEHSR will hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) to coincide with the annual meeting of the BSODR
2. The AGM will review the activity of the group, have reports from Committee members, vote on items brought to the AGM and elect future Committee members.
3. Votes held at the AGM will be decided by simple majority of members present.
4. The BEHSR will organise Scientific Meetings to coincide with the annual meeting of the BSODR as decided by the Committee of the BEHSR.
5. Additional meetings of the BEHSR may be held at any time and place decided by the committee.

**Article 5**

**Committee**

The committee of the BEHSR (elected as per Article 4.2) and their terms of office shall consist of:

Chair 3 Years (eligible for re-election once)

Secretary 3 Years (eligible for re-election once)

2 Councillors 3 Years (eligible for re-election once)

1 Early Career Researcher (ECR) (optional) 3 years (not eligible for re-election)

1 Industry Representative (optional) 3 years (eligible for re-election once)

Additional representatives/liaisons from other interested bodies may be co-opted at the discretion of the Committee.

The Committee shall meet at least once a year to discuss the affairs of the BEHSR. The Chair and Secretary shall act as the executive officers of the group and shall be responsible for organisation of meetings of the group in consultation with the Councillors and other members, as appropriate. The Chair, Secretary and ECR shall present annual reports at the AGM.

**Article 6**

**Nominations and Elections**

Nominations for membership of the committee may be made by any 2 members of the group with the agreement of the nominee. Election and installation of committee members shall be carried out at the AGM. Where a post is contested, election shall be held by secret ballot of members present and will be decided by simple majority of votes cast.

**Article 7**

**Changes in the Constitution**

Recommended changes in the constitution shall be notified in writing to all members not less than 1 week before the AGM. Changes will be implemented following the approval of not less than two-thirds of members present at the AGM