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# Medical Association of Nigerians Across Great Britain

## Manifesto

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The **vision** of this partnership is to advocate for research practices that prioritise inclusivity, equity, and meaningful engagement with Nigerian medical doctors and other healthcare professionals in the British Isles. Improving the health and welfare of Nigerians especially the less privileged members of these communities. Utilising the wealth of potential in the diversity of the professional as well as the intellectual capacity of MANSAG to support delivery of the Centre's vision for a future where health and care research represents and benefits all people and communities, leading to improvements health and care outcomes and reduced health disparities.

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## About MANSAG

MANSAG is an association incorporated and established exclusively for charitable, education, scientific and research purposes. MANSAG is an acronym for Medical Association of Nigerians Across Great Britain. This association was formed in 1997 following a long period of cross fertilisation of ideas amongst Nigerian doctors resident in the United Kingdom. It is one of the main bodies representing Nigerian Medical doctors and allied professionals in the British Isles. MANSAG represents interests of over 5000 Physicians, Nurses, Radiographers, Pharmacists and other Healthcare professionals of Nigerian origin.

The association recognises the wealth of potential in the diversity of the professional as well as intellectual capacity of its members against a background of the dearth of medical skills in the developing world. The association wishes to play a pivotal role in the new world order, partnering with similar concerned organisations and bodies to improve the health and welfare of the less privileged, particularly those from Africa and Nigeria.

This manifesto was endorsed at the MANSAG 27th Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting between 25th and 26th of October, 2024.



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## Manifesto statements to develop equitable research with MANSAG

Raise public awareness and develop resources and capacity within communities for dialogue in research priorities and delivery.

Advance the understanding of inclusive research practice and community engagement in Nigerian communities.

Ensure health and social care research is inclusive and representative of MANSAG's membership, delivering relevant and applicable outcomes.

Build on the evidence base around the determinants of health inequalities in Nigerians and other black communities, propose methods and research designs to improve outcomes for the less privileged in these communities.

Support inclusive engagement, involvement, and participation in research through a breadth of activities across MANSAG's membership.

Promote inclusive participation methods and accessible trials to ensure everyone has equal opportunity to take part and benefit from research.



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## Aim

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The aim is to increase research equity across the UK, including individuals from Nigerian heritage, through a unique cross-boundary collaboration that shares knowledge, expertise, and resources to reduce research disparities and associated health inequities.

## Why

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Health and social care research is funded to improve the lives of the population. Research that is relevant and accessible requires a full understanding of population needs and priorities, which can be gained only through direct, sustained, and constructive interactions with communities. Health and social care providers are a conduit to accessing the population and embedding research in prevention, treatment, and management of health and wellbeing.

## Who

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The [Centre for Research Equity \(CfRE\)](#) group, established in 2023, led by Prof Mahendra Patel OBE and Prof Chris Butler, is an independent, non-profit coalition of patient and public advocates, healthcare professionals, researchers, pharma and health industry, academics, and regulators.

The voluntary partnership with [MANSAG](#) aims to advance the understanding of and improve inclusive research practice and engagement with Nigerian communities. This is achieved by developing a spoke to work alongside the CfRE resource hub, knowledge mobilization platform to develop learning across the UK, provide consistency and reduce duplication.

Membership of the partnership is based on expertise and commitment toward better and meaningful inclusion in research inside and outside of member organisations.



## What is being planned?

- Provide support and training for research and support staff to increase health and social care equity.
- Evidence the benefits for community-based recruitment and research trial/study design.
- Build on the evidence base around the determinants of health and social care inequalities and propose methods and research design to improve outcomes for all.
- Support inclusive patient and public involvement and participation in research.

## This will be achieved through:

- Advice on research involving Nigerian communities at trial development and delivery phases to understand the equity implications and provide solutions.
- Building a delivery network through UK-wide health and social care networks, community, and faith groups linked to Nigerian communities.
- Structured training programmes including workshops, toolkits, and guidance for MANSAG members.
- Presentations to share the work involving Nigerian communities that has successfully overcome barriers to health and social care equity.
- Showcase and evidence trials, including platform trials, and other novel research study/trial design mechanisms to deliver inclusive research involving Nigerian communities in the real world.
- Curate a repository of exemplar case studies involving Nigerian communities with supporting evaluation data.
- Monitor and evaluate mechanisms to evidence increase in health and social care equity.



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