



The Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Alliance

ARMA is the Alliance providing a collective voice for the musculoskeletal (MSK) community in the UK. The Alliance is open to – and brings together – all professional bodies, patient-led and research charities for whom MSK is a priority. Our Vision, Mission and activities are determined and guided by our members. Our purpose is to facilitate collaborative working and to enable the MSK community to speak with a unified voice.

Vision:

Our vision is that musculoskeletal (MSK) disorders are a priority in policy and practice in the UK.

Mission:

Our mission is to work collectively and collaboratively with our members and partners to achieve this vision.

The ARMA way of working

The Alliance works in partnership with its members in pursuit of our shared Vision and to deliver ARMA's strategic plan. ARMA provides coordination for the activities of Alliance members in pursuit of shared objectives, and Alliance members have collective ownership of the delivery and outcomes. Where individual members of the Alliance are particularly well-placed to lead on specific objectives on behalf of the wider community, they should do so, ensuring the involvement of Alliance members and shared ownership of the outcomes.

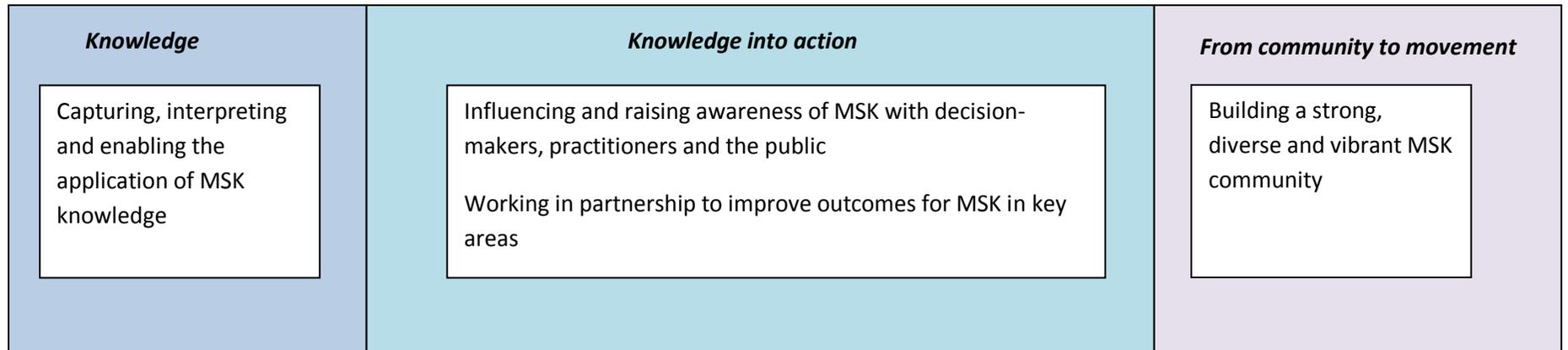
The benefits of working as an Alliance in this manner – collaborating and speaking with a unified voice – are a virtuous circle, whose outcomes include improved profile for MSK and for each of our members; improved individual as well as collective effectiveness; and improved outcomes for all of our stakeholders, and particularly people living with all forms of MSK disorders.

ARMA Strategic Plan 2016-2018

Everything we do is to ensure that:

MSK disorders are a priority in policy and practice in the UK

We will do this via:



We will also ensure a **financially secure, effective and sustainable ARMA.**

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Key Performance Indicators

1. Knowledge:

1.1. Robust data is provided on:

- a) Global Burden of Disease for MSK, as relevant for the UK / UK nations
- b) Incidence of MSK disorders, nationally and by locality
- c) Economic impact of MSK disorders nationally
- d) Cost savings of specific interventions (eg falls prevention) or care models (eg FLS)

1.2. Data and evidence generated by ARMA members (eg on access to care and service gaps) is collated and made easily available

1.3 Data and evidence generated by ARMA members is distilled into key messages by audience, eg commissioners in England

2. Knowledge into action

2.1. MSK achieves higher profile and is regarded as a priority in government, reflected in NHS policy and strategies

2.2. MSK is regarded as a priority in practice by a “critical mass” of all those involved in planning, commissioning and delivering MSK care, as well as healthcare in a broader sense.

2.3. The MSK clinical networks project achieves optimal engagement and success in identifying and disseminating “what good looks like” for MSK in England.

3. From community to movement

3.1. A good and sustained level of participation and contribution by members in ARMA meetings, and delivery on agreed actions

3.2. Effective coordination of ARMA member activities around shared objectives

3.3. High member satisfaction with quality, format and frequency of communications

3.4. Visibly high profile of ARMA in member activities, communications and websites

4. A financially secure, effective and sustainable ARMA:

4.1. ARMA’s funding channels are strong and diversified

4.2. ARMA’s governance and operational processes are sound

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Our Guiding Values

ARMA is:

Authoritative:

We bring together patient-led, professional and research organisations, and will speak for all groups working to improve services for people with musculoskeletal (MSK) disorders. Our policies will be based on strong evidence and informed by all ARMA members and their stakeholders.

Inclusive:

We value all of our members as integral parts of the ARMA community and work with a variety of stakeholders through memberships, partnerships and collaborations in order to safeguard and champion the interests of people with musculoskeletal disorders in healthcare.

Accountable:

Our Board is elected by our members, who help set the strategic plan for ARMA and have regular opportunities to discuss and agree all relevant matters at the AGM and through regular CEO and policy group meetings.

Transparent:

We have clear processes for our work, including our decision-making processes, utilising all appropriate means and communication tools. We have an open, transparent framework to guide our funding agreements.

Independent:

We are a charity and umbrella organisation independent of government, industry and other organisations, and have a strong corporate partnership policy.