

External Advisory Board (EAB)

Their primary role is to assist (in an independent and strategic manner) the Facility Executive in ensuring that the operations of the Facility are conducted to the highest international standards and that the research undertaken at the Facility is first-class, comparable to the best on a world-wide basis.

Formal responsibilities are:

- (1) To approve the annual report of the Facility prior to publication.
- (2) To attend a meeting of the oversight committee, to be timed to coincide with the Annual Research Symposia of the Facility, at which they present and discuss their evaluation of how the Facility has run and the quality of the scientific output, including also advising on the future activities of the Facility (as well as making suggestions for incorporating new instrumental advances into the profile of the Facility).
- (3) To provide a written record of their evaluation and suggestions to the Facility Executive. The Facility Executive then prepares a formal response to matters raised. This is sent back to the EAB for approval, and is then supplied to the funding council representative(s).
- (4) To approve appointments (as suggested by the Facility Executive) to the Time Allocation Panel.
- (5) After consideration of nominations, appoint the two representatives of the user community (one at a junior level, i.e., post-doctoral or early career researcher level) to the Oversight Committee.
- (6) Prior to a further renewal process in 2020, lead a review process, that will involve all stakeholders, i.e., users and funding agencies, of those serving in an executive role for the Facility centred around the highest-field solid-state NMR system in the UK.
- (7) To be the final “court” to arbitrate in cases of a complaint, which has not been resolved by interaction with the Facility Executive.

The Facility Manager and the Facility Executive may approach the EAB for advice at any time.