



**EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS**  
IRELAND



## Evidence Synthesis Ireland Fellowship Scheme 2020

### Review Identification Form

In order to help us advertise your review and select an appropriate fellow, please complete the following:

#### Review Centre/Group Mentor

**Review Centre:** Cochrane ENT, University of Oxford

**Mentors:** Prof Martin Burton (Co-ordinating Editor) and Dr Katie Webster (Systematic Reviewer)

#### Review title

**Project title:**

#1 A suite of prioritised systematic reviews on the treatment of balance disorders in ENT

#2 A suite of prioritised systematic reviews on the treatment of otitis media with effusion ('glue ear') in children

#### Review type

Two suites of Cochrane reviews of effectiveness (intervention reviews).

**Review details** – *please identify the topic of the review and a very brief background, objectives and PICO (or other question format details) of the review. Please also include current status of review (e.g. protocol on PROSPERO, searches started etc.)*

Cochrane ENT is nearing completion of [two formal scoping exercises](#) to identify priority questions (including populations, interventions, comparators and outcomes) for new or updated systematic reviews within two topic areas: otitis media with effusion (OME) and balance disorders. We have prioritised two sets of systematic reviews that will be conducted as new reviews (from template protocols developed during the scoping exercises). The new reviews will supersede any existing Cochrane ENT reviews on the selected topics.

These projects offer an opportunity to be involved as a reviewer (co-author) on a number of Cochrane intervention reviews in one or both topic sets.

**Review current status** – *please indicate current status of review (e.g. protocol on PROSPERO, searches started etc.)*

We are about to consult our stakeholders on the prioritised review lists, following which work will begin on the protocols. Full literature searches have not yet been conducted although scoping searches formed an integral part of the scoping projects and we are well-informed about the likely number of studies available for each planned review.

**Any specific/desirable requirements for fellow (e.g. clinical expertise, methodological expertise)**

Clinical expertise in ENT or Audiovestibular Medicine.

**Estimated start and completion dates**

To be agreed.