



#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A partnership between

Football Medicine and Performance Association (FMPA) and
The British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences

## 1. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) outlines the agreed collaborative relationship between Football Medicine and Performance Association (FMPA) and the British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES) for the purposes of enhancing the activities of each organisation and fostering co-operation for the benefit of all professionals involved within the respective organisations and the people for whom they provide services and support.

# 2. Background

## i.FMPA:

The Football Medicine and Performance Association (FMPA) is the trading name of the parent company Medicine and Performance association (MPA) and was established in 2010. The FMPA is an association encompassing all practitioners working within the medicine and performance sector within professional football in the top five divisions of the Men's game in England and Wales, the top two divisions of the Women's game in England and Wales, the four divisions in the Scottish leagues and all national teams in the UK.

Our mission statement is to support the practice of medicine, performance and allied professions within professional football. Our vision statement is to create an environment where all facets of player care and performance are delivered to the very highest standards.

## ii.BASES:

Established in 1984, <u>BASES</u> is the professional body for sport and exercise sciences in the UK. BASES mission is to deliver excellence in sport and exercise sciences through the promotion of scientific research and evidence-based practice. BASES' aim is to develop and

enhance professional and ethical standards in the sport and exercise sciences. The Association's key strategic objectives are:

- i. The promotion of research in sport and exercise sciences
- ii.The encouragement of evidence-based practice in sport and exercise sciences
- iii.The distribution of knowledge in sport and exercise sciences
- iv. The development and maintenance of high professional standards for those involved in sport and exercise sciences
- v.The representation of the interests of sport and exercise sciences nationally and internationally.

BASES is currently seeking petition for Royal Charter.

## 3. Collaboration

#### i.Research:

The two associations will seek to collaborate in the production and dissemination of research findings.

## ii.CPD:

FMPA and BASES agree to deliver collaborative professional development events (e.g., webinar, workshop) to accompany any relevant research or professional practice areas co-ordinated by the respective CPD officers or other appropriate representatives from each organisation.

## 4. Confidentiality

- i.Both parties commit to complying with any applicable privacy legislation in their jurisdiction regarding any personal information they receive about the members of the partner organisation. This provision will survive termination of this MoU.
- ii.Both parties agree not to disclose any information or documents which comes to its knowledge or into its possession by reason of this MoU which the other partner organisation has explicitly or implicitly indicated as confidential unless otherwise pursuant to judicial or legislative authority in the respective jurisdiction. This provision will survive termination of this MoU.

## 5. Duration and Review

- i.This MoU becomes effective from the date that the representatives of the participating parties sign this agreement below. The intention is for the agreement to continue for three years, with an annual review. At the end of the term, the MoU may be extended by the mutual written agreement of both organisations.
- ii. This Memorandum may be revised through the mutual agreement of both organisations and may be terminated by either party upon giving six months' written notice signed by the recognised Executive Officer of the notifying party.
- iii.Both parties commit to at least one partnership review meeting per year. Within these meetings, the review of existing partnership

arrangements will take place, as well as examining scope for further expansion of the partnership.

# 6. Named Responsible Contacts

In witness to this agreement, the following individuals append their signatures:

For FMPA

For BASES

Name: Eamonn Salmon

Post: Chief Executive Officer

Date:

Name: Ian Wilson

Post: Chief Executive Officer

Date: 9 January 2024