### The James Lind Alliance – The Critical Pathway to the Priority Setting Process

#### Clinician Group or Patient Group applies to JLA for affiliate status – to JLA Secretariat

#### Clinician Group or Patient Group applies to JLA to form a JLA Working Partnership (JLAWP) – to JLA Secretariat

#### JLA considers application and issues a formal invitation to participate; together with a platform of support for the planning, training and management of meetings.

#### Clinician and Patient Groups form their JLAWP and agree a first planning meeting date with JLA

#### First planning group meeting held at Independent premises under an Independent Chair, both supplied by JLA. The planning group meeting to include other JLA Affiliates who may be thought to be able to support this JLAWP – and also Editor of DUETS. If the meeting agrees to take the partnership forward to ……

#### Second and subsequent planning group meetings (the exact number of meetings will vary between Partnerships dependant upon their starting position) – planning towards the ultimate …………..

#### Priority Setting Meeting held by JLAWP, under independent Chair, wherein the unanswered questions about the effects of treatments that have been assembled will be the subject of prioritization by a balanced group of interested individuals from both clinical and patient perspectives. Action plans will be agreed and a sub- group appointed by JLAWP to take the work further – particularly to a point where future Research is informed and encouraged by the priorities.

#### Desired Outcome –
- Research proposals are geared to the needs and preferences of patients and clinicians in equal measure
- Funders have a source of information to help them prioritise research proposals
- Patients really feel that they have been heard and have made a difference

#### What Next? …JLAWP shares experiences on JLA website, participates in JLA annual general meeting – and supports future JLAWP’s by becoming their “independent” advisors