## Dr Andrew McElroy

Andy Graduated from Churchill College Cambridge in 1980 with a first class degree in Natural Sciences and completed a PhD in synthetic organic chemistry before joining Glaxo as a medicinal chemist in 1983. He spent seven years at the Ware and Greenford in North Carolina as the lead chemist on Cardiovascular projects. Andy joined Pfizer in Sandwich in 1993 as a manager in the Medicinal Chemistry department. He served as Therapeutic Area lead for Cardiovascular and Neurodegeneration Research and later on as a lead in Tissue Repair where he managed a portfolio of projects up to First in Human.

Andy had his first taste of process improvement at Glaxo building strong relationships with IT and operational groups and advancing a range of continuous improvement initiatives. This interest blossomed over the years at Pfizer and in 2005 lead to global responsibilities for coordinating the continuous improvement of research processes and workflow. He gained qualification as an Agile process facilitator during this period.

At the start of 2009 Andy became site lead at the Pfizer Sandwich Site for the External Research Solutions group, leading a multidisciplinary team focussing on optimizing external research. In 2011 Andy founded TRN - The Research Network Ltd, a scientific consulting and project management group focussed on supporting networked drug discovery and early development globally.