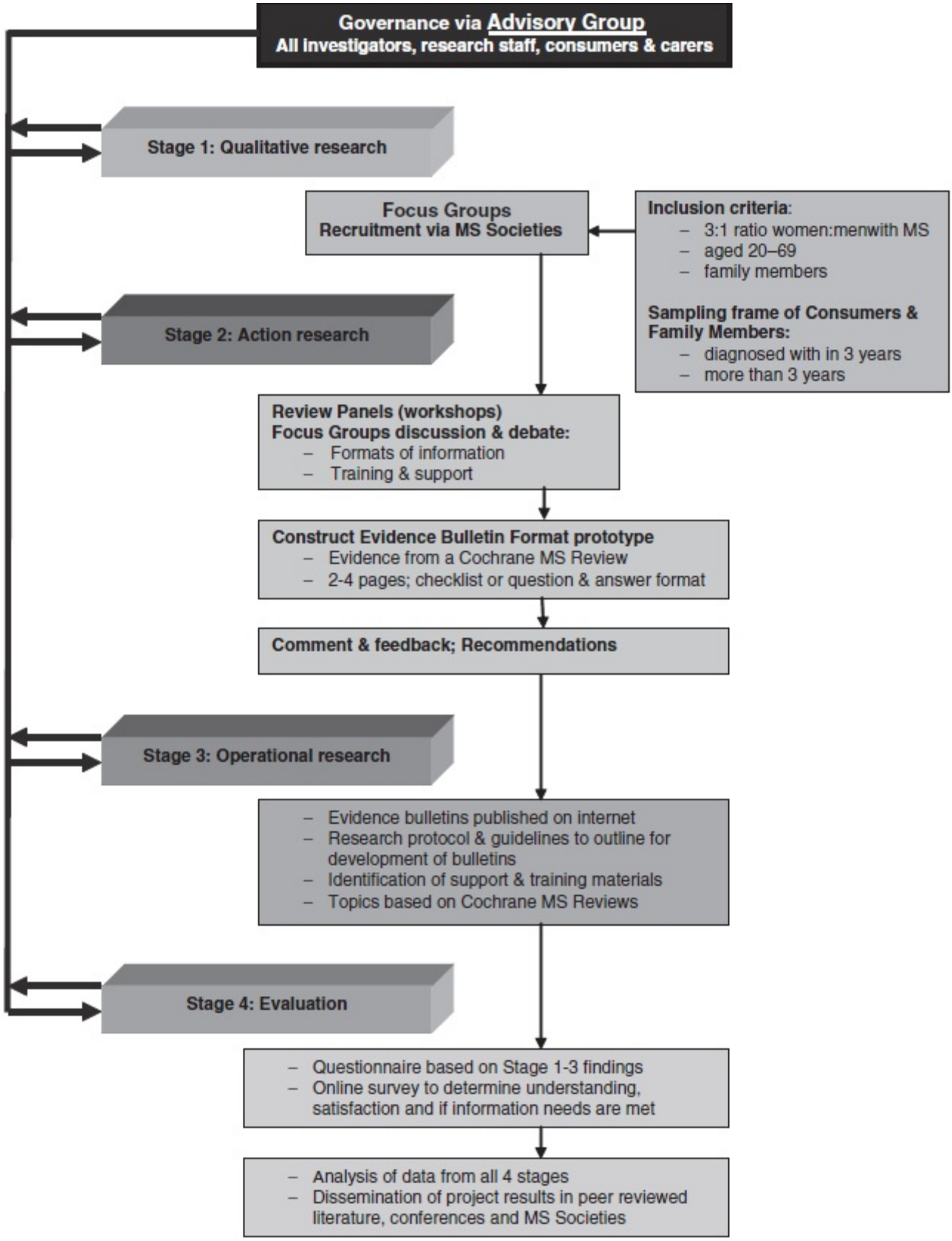
Governance via Advisory Group
All investigators, research staff, consumers & carers
Stage 1: Qualitative research
Focus Groups
Recruitment via MS Societies
Inclusion criteria:
– 3:1 ratio women:menwith MS
– aged 20–69
– family members
Sampling frame of Consumers & Family Members:
– diagnosed with in 3 years
– more than 3 years
Stage 2: Action research
Review Panels (workshops)
Focus Groups discussion & debate:
– Formats of information
– Training & support
Construct Evidence Bulletin Format prototype
– Evidence from a Cochrane MS Review
– 2-4 pages; checklist or question & answer format
Comment & feedback; Recommendations
Stage 3: Operational research
– Evidence bulletins published on internet
– Research protocol & guidelines to outline for development of bulletins
– Identification of support & training materials
– Topics based on Cochrane MS Reviews
Stage 4: Evaluation
– Questionnaire based on Stage 1-3 findings
– Online survey to determine understanding, satisfaction and if information needs are met
– Analysis of data from all 4 stages
– Dissemination of project results in peer reviewed literature, conferences and MS Societies