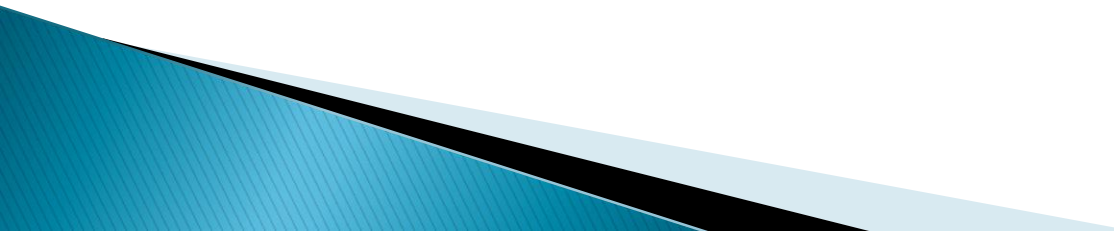




NHS Research Ethics

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- ▶ Part of UK-wide NHS research ethics system
 - ▶ Regulated by the Health Research Authority (HRA)
 - ▶ Coordinated by Chief Scientist Office (CSO) in Scotland
 - ▶ Accredited by United Kingdom Ethics Committee Authority (UKECA)
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Purpose

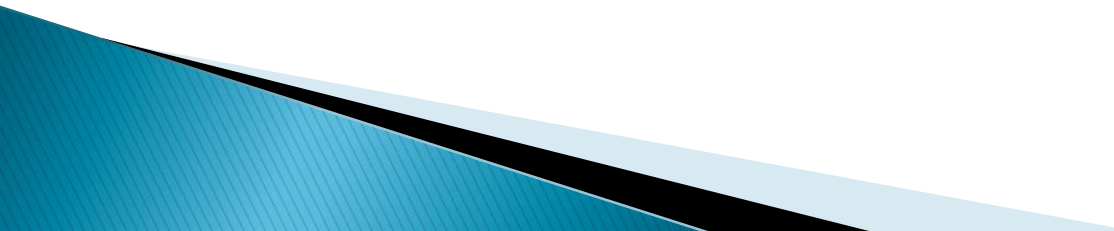
- ▶ Review applications for healthcare research involving the NHS to:
- ▶ Protect participants' rights, safety, dignity and well-being
- ▶ Ensure research conducted in the NHS is ethical, worthwhile and that anticipated risks, burdens and intrusions are minimised or justified



REC Meetings

- ▶ Committees meet **once a month** as follows:
 - **REC 1:** every 3rd Friday at Ninewells Hospital
12.30 start
 - **REC 2:** every 1st Tuesday at Stratheden Hospital
14.00 start

Training and expenses

- ▶ Access to all HRA face-to-face and online training with travel costs supported
 - ▶ Access to internal expert-led training, site visits and all Scotland Annual Ethics Symposiums
 - ▶ Will consider applications to attend other relevant training opportunities with travel supported
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Meeting format

Review each application

Discuss & debate the ethical issues



Agree minor issues for correspondence

Identify **material ethical issues** for investigator discussion

Common areas where material ethical issues arise

PARTICIPANTS

- Recruitment
- Informed Consent
- Safety, Dignity, Rights
- Confidentiality
- Right to findings
- Expenses

DATA & TISSUE

- Storage
- Transfer
- Statistics
- Analysis
- Caldicott, MTAs, DPAs

SAFETY

- Unexpected disclosures
- Incidental findings
- Lone working
- Psychological distress
- Serious Adverse Events
- Side-effects

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

- Understanding of patient population
- Consideration of ethical issues
- Competence
- Qualifications, experience, knowledge & expertise

STUDY DESIGN

- Research aims, objectives, outcomes
- Patient and Public Involvement (PPI)
- Previous studies/findings
- Value to Science & Society

Application process

- ▶ Short application form
- ▶ References
- ▶ Interview with REC Chair and head of service

All applicants must discuss undertaking REC work with their line manager prior to appointment

Contact

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