



**Senate**

<b>Paper Title</b>	Executive Summary – Research Ethics Committee.
<b>Outcome requested</b>	Senate is asked to <b>note</b> the above.
<b>Points for Senate members to note and further information</b>	As stated.
<b>Questions for Senate to consider</b>	N/A
<b>Regulatory/statutory reference points</b>	Proposed work outlined in Points 4 and 5 will be carried out with reference to the Strategic Plan 2010-2015
<b>Strategy and risk</b>	N/A
<b>Reporting/consideration route for the paper</b>	N/A
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## ETHICS OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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**Date of Meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

### Main Items Discussed

**1. Committee Membership**

The Chair welcomed Professor Ian Walden and Dr Chrisantha Fernando to their first QMERC meeting.

She also confirmed that Ms Wendy Appleby would be leaving QMERC due to her taking up a new post. The Chair expressed her thanks, and that of all members, to Ms Appleby for her work and support of the Committee since its inception.

**2. Consultation Initiated.**

The Chair initiated a consultation on the status of the QMERC Chair in light of her term on College Council ending at the end of next year. This will be discussed further at the next meeting in July.

**3. Human performance measurement and surveys – a generic ethics application.**

The generic research approval, given to the Human Performance Laboratory in the Department of Sports Medicine, was renewed and updated. The next routine audit of these projects was scheduled for summer 2015.

**4. Proposed QMUL Policy on Research Integrity**

Members noted the above, with consultation between members continuing.

**5. Research Integrity Concordat Task and Finish Group:**

Members noted the proposed terms of reference of the Task and Finish Group set up to review QMUL's compliance with the Concordat, along with its timetable of work.

**6. Research Policy Development Update**

Members received, and noted, policy updates as below:

Citation Policy

This updated policy was approved by Senate on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

Research Data Management and Access Policy

This policy was approved by Senate on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013, with a Research Data Management Group set up to oversee the implementation of the project.

Review of the Intellectual Property Policy

That work on the above continues with QMSE having requested a high level summary

document to set out the key elements.

Research Facilities Task and Finish Group

That an audit of QM research facilities and equipment is underway.

Research Misconduct Policy

That arrangements of the review of this policy are being discussed with the Director of Research Development, Barts Health NHS Trust.

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