



Senate

Paper Title	Executive Summary – Ethics of Research Committee.
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the above.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	As stated.
Questions for Senate to consider	N/A
Regulatory/statutory reference points	Policy updates mentioned in points 3 & 4 have been driven partly by the GDPR.
Strategy and risk	N/A
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	N/A
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ETHICS OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Meeting: 30th January 2019

Main Items Discussed

1. Membership Update

The Chair **thanked** the following – leaving - members for their hard work and commitment on behalf of the Committee, the expertise of them all has been invaluable:

Professor Rosemary Hunter (Law)
Mr Jonathan Morgan (ARCS)
Dr Magda Osman (Psychology)

The Chair **welcomed** the following new members to the Committee:

Dr Aoife Monks (Drama)
Ms Joanne Tallentire (ARCS)

The Chair **informed** members that the following new members have been recruited to QMERC Review Panels:

Professor Duncan Matthews (Commercial Law)
Professor Catherine Silverstone (Drama)
Dr Emma Magavern (School of Medicine and Dentistry)
Dr Scott McLachlan (Electronic Engineering and Computer Science)

2. Policy and Procedure Update 1 (Update and Revision to QMERC materials).

Members **approved** the following revisions to the QMERC application Form:

- a) The Inclusion of “Public Participation and Involvement” in the ‘Study Design’ section of the form.
- b) The removal of a superfluous sentence from the Information Sheet Pro-Forma.
- c) A revision of the Consent Form so that participants will be asked to initial sections on consent; as opposed to merely ticking boxes.

3. Policy and Procedure Update 2 (Guidance Document to Researchers).

Members **approved** the following revisions to the QMERC general guidance document to researchers:

- a) A link to QMUL’s Data Protection Policy

- b) Instruction that QMERC considers it appropriate for participants to be given any payment owed to them at the end of each research session; when more than one occurs.

4. Additional: For Information of Senate

The chart below shows the developing workload of QMERC over the last three years, with received applications listed.

QMERC Applications - 2016 - 2018

Year	Standard Applications	Fast Track Applications. (Expedited Review)
2016	76	322
2017	79	325
2018	103	384

Applications for both standard review and expedited (low risk) review have both increased; particularly in 2018. Early indications are that this trend will be continuing in 2019.