



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	Work outlined in Points 2 to 4 will be carried out with reference to the <i>Queen Mary Strategy 2030</i> .
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 – 25th March 2020

Main Items Discussed

1. Staffing

Members welcomed Mantalena Sotiridou, new Research Ethics Facilitator, to QMERC.

2. Policy and Procedure updates.

a) Members were made aware of the following internal, Covid-19 related, policies:

- i) JRMO Guidance for Researchers re COVID-19
- ii) QMERC Guidance for Researchers re COVID-19

b) Members were made aware of the following internal policies:

- i) DPIA Policy (Data Protection Impact Assessment)
- ii) Guidance Document for Healthy Volunteer Blood Studies.

c) Members were made aware of the following (either new or updated) external policy documents.

- i) Security Sensitive Research (Universities UK)
- ii) Wellcome Trust Report on Research Conduct
- iii) Nuffield Report on Ethical Research in Global Health Emergencies
- iv) Sorbonne Declaration

3. Working Practices

Members consulted on the above, considering the current COVID-19 situation, agreeing virtual meetings going forward.

Members expressed support for the setting up of additional (virtual) review meetings to facilitate researchers with, time-sensitive, COVID-19 related applications

4. Briefing Note on Research Ethics Review for Department Heads.

This draft circulation document was approved.

Hazel Covill, Research Ethics Facilitator –26th May 2020