



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 1 to 3 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 – 18th November 2020

Main Items Discussed

1. Policy and Procedure updates.

a) Members were made aware of the following (either new or updated) external policy documents/updates

i) Transparency and openness in health and social care research – HRA Guidance. (Health Research Authority)

ii) HRA Procedures for Student Research.

2. Working Practices

The following changes were approved.

- i) The circulation of the UKRIO Checklist for reviewers with Review Panel Paperwork.
- ii) The logging of Members' completed training courses.
- iii) The ongoing formulation of training videos: particularly for the information of inexperienced/student researchers. Further instances of work starting without approval have been brought to the attention of the Facilitators and continued, and increased, consciousness raising must take place.

Members were made aware of the following new resources for researchers:

- i) Revised and updated website, with additional links to Policy Advice.

3. Membership Update

i) Members welcomed the new members of Dr Shahrar Ali and Dr Paul Ryan.

4. Additional: Recent Workload Breakdown.

The below shows that:

- a) The amount of applications received by QMERC is comparable with last year, but with a significant amount of increased fast-track (predominantly remotely-managed qualitative work) as opposed to standard applications received in the spring and summer.
- b) The newly implemented combined style application form (in place from October 2020) has been well utilised by researchers seeking approval.

Workload Breakdown			
Term	Standard Applications Received	Fast Track Applications received	New Style (Combined) Applications received
Dec 2019 to Feb 2020	26	83	n/a
Mar 2020 to July 2020	21	152	n/a
August to (current) Nov 2020	17	43	60

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