



North West Multi-centre Research Ethics Committee

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Dear Dr Reeves

MREC 01/8/90 Please quote this number on all correspondence

Trust-based survey on inpatients in acute NHS hospitals

- **Covering letter from Dr Rachel Reeves - dated 20 January 2004**
- **Young Patient Questionnaire (12-17) - version 9 - dated 19 January 2004**
- **Covering letter - first mailing - Young Patient (0-11) parent/guardian 2004 - version 2 – dated 19 January 2004**
- **Covering letter - first mailing - Young Patient (12-15) parent/guardian 2004 - version 2 - dated 19 January 2004**
- **Covering letter - first mailing - Young Patient (16-17) 2004 - version 2 – dated 19 January 2004**
- **Covering letter - first reminder - All Young Patients - 2004 - version 2 – dated 19 January 2004**
- **Covering letter - second reminder - Young Patient (0-11) - 2004 - version 2 – dated 19 January 2004**
- **Covering letter - second reminder - Young Patient (12-15) - 2004 - version 2 - dated 19 January 2004**
- **Covering letter - second reminder - Young Patient (16-17) - 2004 - version 2 - dated 19 January 2004**

The amendment, as detailed, to the above named study has been reviewed by a sub-group of the North West MREC at their meeting on 10 February 2004.

The amendment requested approval for a minor amendment to the Young Patient Questionnaire for 12-17 year olds, and approval for a new covering letter and second reminder letter for 12-15 year olds.

The sub-committee had no ethical objections to the amendment and I am therefore happy to give you approval on the understanding that you will follow the protocol as agreed.

You are advised to inform the host organisation of this amendment, and *if applicable*, to **inform** all LRECs who reviewed the main application for locality issues.

Yours sincerely

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15th January 2004

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Dear Dr Reeves

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- **Covering letter from Dr Rachel Reeves, of the Picker Institute Europe dated 27/11/03**
- **Letter of response from Dr Rachel Reeves of the Picker Institute Europe dated 6/1/04**
- **Paediatric Parent or Guardian Questionnaire - version 8 dated 6 January 2004**
- **Young Patient Questionnaire - version 8 dated 6 January 2004**
- **Covering letter first mailing Young Patient (0-15) parent/guardian 2003/04 – version 1 dated 27 November 2003**
- **Covering letter first mailing Young Patient (16-17 year olds) 2003/04 – version 1 dated 27 November 2003**
- **Covering letter first reminder young patient 2003/04 – version 1 dated 27 November 2003**
- **Covering letter Second Reminder Young Patient (0-15) 2003/04 – version 1 dated 20 November 2003**
- **Covering letter Second Reminder Young patients (16-17) 2003/04 version 1 dated 20 November 2003**

The amendment, as detailed, to the above named study has been reviewed by a sub-group of the North West MREC at their meeting on 9 December 2003.

The amendment requested approval for minor amendments to both the Parent or Guardian and the Young Patient questionnaires.

The Chairman of the North West MREC, acting under delegated authority, had no ethical objections to the amendment. I am therefore happy to give you approval on the understanding that you will follow the protocol as agreed.

You are advised to inform the host organisation of this amendment, and if applicable, to inform all LRECs who reviewed the main application for locality issues.

Yours sincerely

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2 January 2004

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- **Covering letter from Dr Rachel Reeves, of the Picker Institute Europe - dated 27/11/03**
- **Revised Paediatric Parent or Guardian Questionnaire - Version 7 - dated 27 November 2003**
- **Revised Young Patient Questionnaire - Version 7 - dated 27 November 2003**
- **Revised covering letter first mailing Young Patient (0-15) parent/guardian 2003/04 – Version 1 – dated 27 November 2003**
- **Revised covering letter first mailing Young Patient (16-17 year olds) 2003/04 – Version 1 – dated 27 November 2003**
- **Revised covering letter first reminder young patient 2003/04 – Version 1 – dated 27 November 2003**
- **Revised covering letter Second Reminder Young Patient (0-15) 2003/04 – Version 1 – dated 20 November 2003**
- **Revised covering letter Second Reminder Young patients (16-17) 2003/04 - Version 1 – dated 20 November 2003**

The amendment, as detailed, to the above named study has been reviewed by a sub-group of the North West MREC at their meeting on 9 December 2003.

The amendment requested approval for minor amendments to both the Parent or Guardian and the Young Patient questionnaires.

Members considered that under question 57 of the Parent or Guardian Questionnaire, the insertion of option 6 "My child was too young for an explanation" did not make sense. The question asks whether the surgeon has explained the risks and benefits of the surgery to the parent or guardian and **not** the child.

Clarification was also required as to whether the questionnaires would continue to be returned via a **freepost** envelope and also whether a **free phone** helpline was still available.

The amendment was approved subject to action and clarification on the above points.

Yours sincerely

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