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Dear Professor Coulter

Study title: Trust-based survey on inpatients in acute NHS hospitals
REC reference: 01/8/090
Amendment number: N/A
Amendment date: 06 August 2007

The above amendment was reviewed at the meeting of the Committee held on 14 August 2007.

Ethical opinion

In preparation for the survey to be run again in Autumn 2007 and be mailed to a national sample of approximately 142,000 patients (i.e. 850 recent inpatients for each the 167 applicable English Acute Hospital Trusts with sufficient inpatient beds), the amendment sought approval for the addition of 6 new questions to the core questionnaire.

The Committee had no ethical difficulties with the proposed changes.

The members of the Committee present gave a favourable ethical opinion of the amendment on the basis described in the notice of amendment form and supporting documentation.

Approved documents

The documents reviewed and approved at the meeting were:

Document	Version	Date
Notice of Substantial Amendment (non-CTIMPs)		06 August 2007
Questionnaire: Inpatient 2007 Bank Questionnaire	1	06 August 2007
Questionnaire: Inpatient 2007 Core Questionnaire	1	06 August 2007

Questionnaire: Inpatient 2007 Core Questionnaire (with tracked Changes)	1	06 August 2007
Questionnaire: Inpatient 2007 Bank Questionnaire (with tracked Changes)	1	06 August 2007
Questionnaire Content for 2007 Inpatient Survey	1	06 August 2007
Inpatient 2007 Second Reminder Letter	1	30 July 2007
Inpatient 2007 First Reminder Letter	1	30 July 2007
Inpatient 2007 First Mailing Letter	1	30 July 2007

Membership of the Committee

The members of the Committee who were present at the meeting are listed on the attached sheet.

R&D approval

All investigators and research collaborators in the NHS should notify the R&D office for the relevant NHS care organisation of this amendment and check whether it affects R&D approval of the research.

Statement of compliance

The Committee is constituted in accordance with the Governance Arrangements for Research Ethics Committees (July 2001) and complies fully with the Standard Operating Procedures for Research Ethics Committees in the UK.

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Yours sincerely

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Enclosures: List of names and professions of members who were present at the meeting and those who submitted written comments