

## **North West Research Ethics Committee**

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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:** Version 2 - 9 September 2008  
**Amendment date:** 09 September 2008

Thank you for submitting the above amendment, which was received on 10 September 2008. It is noted that this is a modification of an amendment previously rejected by the Committee (our letter of 5 September 2008 refers).

The modified amendment has been considered on behalf of the Committee by the Chair (Dr D Manning – Consultant Paediatrician).

### **Ethical opinion**

I am pleased to confirm that the Committee has given a favourable ethical opinion of the modified amendment on the basis described in the notice of amendment form and supporting documentation.

### **Approved documents**

The documents reviewed and approved are: -

<b>Document</b>	<b>Version</b>	<b>Date</b>
Modified Amendment	Version 2 - 9 September 2008	09 September 2008
Covering Letter - from Jason Boyd, Senior Research Associate, Picker Institute Europe		09 September 2008
Questionnaire: Inpatient 2008_core questionnaire_v2	V2	09 September 2008

Questionnaire: Inpatient 2008_core questionnaire_v2 - tracked changes from v1 to v2	V2	09 September 2008
Questionnaire: Inpatient 2008_bank questionnaire_v2	V2	09 September 2008
Questionnaire: Inpatient 2008_bank questionnaire_v2 - tracked changes from v1 to v2	V2	09 September 2008
Inpatient _2008_First mailing_v1	V1	01 August 2008
Inpatient _2008_First mailing_tracked changes 2007 to 2008	V1	01 August 2008
Inpatient_2008_First Reminder_v1	V1	01 August 2008
Inpatient_2008_First Reminder_tracked changes 2007 to 2008	V1	01 August 2008
Inpatient_2008_Second reminder_v1	V1	01 August 2008
Inpatient_2008_Second reminder_tracked changes 2007 to 2008	V1	01 August 2008

### **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.

<b>MREC 01/8/090:</b>	<b>Please quote this number on all correspondence</b>
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Yours sincerely

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