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Dear Mr Graham

Study title:	Trust-based survey on inpatients in acute NHS hospitals
REC reference:	01/8/090
Amendment number:	N/A
Amendment date:	31 July 2012

The above amendment was reviewed at the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 14 August 2012.

Ethical opinion

The amendment (dated 31 July 2012) requested approval to repeat the Inpatient Survey in autumn 2012. The survey will be mailed to a national sample of approximately 135,000 patients (850 recent inpatients for each of the 159 English acute hospital trusts with sufficient beds).

A comprehensive rationale had been submitted in support of the amendment.

The Sub-Committee identified no ethical issues with the proposed amendment.

The members of the Committee taking part in the review 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
Covering Letter from Sheena MacCormick		02 August 2012
Notice of Substantial Amendment (non-CTIMPs): 113211/350013/31/30/14415		02 August 2012
Summary of Changes	1	01 August 2012
Letter of invitation to participant		18 June 2012
Bank Questionnaire tracked	1	02 August 2012
Bank Questionnaire	1	31 July 2012
Core Questionnaire tracked	1	02 August 2012
Core Questionnaire	11	31 July 2012
First Mailing Letter tracked	2	18 June 2012
First Mailing Letter	2	18 June 2012
First Reminder Letter tracked	2	24 July 2012
First Reminder Letter	2	24 July 2012
Second Reminder Letter tracked	2	02 September 2011
Second Reminder Letter	2	18 June 2012

Membership of the Committee

The members of the Committee who took part in the review 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 and complies fully with the Standard Operating Procedures for Research Ethics Committees in the UK.

01/8/090:	Please quote this number on all correspondence
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Yours sincerely



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Enclosures: List of names and professions of members who took part in the review

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Attendance at Sub-Committee meeting on 14 August 2012

Present:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Profession</i>	<i>Capacity</i>
Mrs Linda Ashcroft	Senior Statistician	Expert
Mr Stephen Edgar	Designer	Lay Plus
Dr Michael Eshiett	Consultant Physician	Expert
Professor Ravi S Gulati (Chair)	Consultant Physician	Expert
Ms Pat Harvey	Hospital Chaplain	Lay
Mrs Chris Haywood	Nurse and Head of Hospice Services	Expert
Mr Charles Otim	Research Support Officer	Lay Plus
Dr Valerie E Siddall	Retired Senior Manager - Pharmaceutical Industry	Lay Plus
Dr Tim S Sprosen (Vice-Chair)	Epidemiologist	Expert

Also in attendance:

Name	Position (or reason for attending)
Mr Noel Graham	Committee Co-ordinator
Miss Jo Foxall Dant	Assistant Co-ordinator