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Dear Ms MacCormick

Study title: Trust-based survey on inpatients in acute NHS hospitals
REC reference: 01/8/090
Amendment number: 24072013
Amendment date: 26 July 2013

The above amendment was reviewed at the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 13 August 2013.

Ethical opinion

This amendment sought approval for:

- Minor amendments to the mailing letters
- The use of new cognitive interviewing techniques
- An online completion option
- The measurement of how the online response option affects patient participation
- An 'Opt-out' postcard.

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
Bank Questionnaire (tracked)	1	26 July 2013
Core Questionnaire (tracked)	1	26 July 2013

Summary of Changes	2	26 July 2013
Questionnaire: Pilot Core Questionnaire	1	25 July 2013
Questionnaire: Bank Questionnaire (clean)	1	26 July 2013
Questionnaire: Core Questionnaire (clean)	1	26 July 2013
First Mailing Letter (clean)	3	11 July 2013
Notice of Substantial Amendment (non-CTIMPs) 24/07/2013		26 July 2013
Covering Letter from Sheena MacCormick		29 July 2013
Second Reminder Letter (tracked)	2	11 July 2013
First Reminder Letter (tracked)	2	11 July 2013
First Mailing Letter (tracked)	3	11 July 2013
Second Reminder Letter (clean)	2	11 July 2013
First Reminder letter (clean)	2	11 July 2013
Mailing 4	1	25 July 2013
Mailing 3	1	25 July 2013
Mailing 2	1	25 July 2013
Mailing 1	1	25 July 2013
Mailing 4 (chasing questionnaire completion)	1	25 July 2013
Mailing 3 (chasing questionnaire completion)	1	25 July 2013
Mailing 2 (chasing questionnaire completion)	1	25 July 2013
Mailing 1 (chasing questionnaire completion)	1	25 July 2013
Opt out Postcard		

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

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Yours sincerely



On behalf of
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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 of the REC meeting on 13 August 2013

<i>Name</i>	<i>Profession</i>	<i>Capacity</i>
Mrs Linda Ashcroft	Senior Statistician	Expert
Mr Stephen Edgar	Designer	Lay Plus
Dr Michael U Eshiett	Consultant Physician in Neurological Rehabilitation	Expert
Ms Josephine Foxall Dant	Assistant Committee Co-ordinator	None
Professor Ravi S Gulati	Consultant Physician	Expert
Ms Pat Harvey	Hospital Chaplain	Lay Plus
Mrs Chris Haywood	Nurse & Head of Hospice Services	Expert
Mrs Rinat Jibli	REC Coordinator	None
Mr Charles Otim	Research Support Officer	Lay Plus
Dr Valerie E Siddall	Retired Senior Manager - Pharmaceutical Industry	Lay Plus