



# Health Research Authority

## NRES Committee North West - Haydock

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**Mr Chris Graham**  
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Dear Mr Graham

**Study title:** Survey of emergency departments in acute NHS hospital trusts in England  
**REC reference:** 02/8/100  
**Amendment number:** N/A  
**Amendment date:** 01 March 2012

The above amendment was reviewed at the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 13 March 2012.

### Ethical opinion

The amendment requested approval to repeat the accident & emergency departments survey in 2012. Minor modifications had been made to the content of the survey and recruitment documentation since the survey was last conducted in 2008. It was also proposed to pilot an online version of the survey across five trusts to test whether or not it would be a viable method of data collection. In addition the amendment informed the REC that there had been a change of Chief Investigator from Dr Caroline Powell to Mr Chris Graham.

A clear and 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 Caroline Killpack, Picker Institute Europe		01 March 2012

Notice of Substantial Amendment (non-CTIMPs)		01 March 2012
A&E Department Survey 2012_Summary of Changes	v1.3	01 February 2012
Questionnaire: A&E Department Survey 2012 Bank Questionnaire_tracked changes from 2008	v1.2	23 February 2012
Questionnaire: A&E Department Survey 2012 Core Questionnaire_tracked changes from 2008	v1.1	23 February 2012
A&E Department Survey 2012 First Mailing Letter_tracked changes from 2008	v1.0	01 March 2012
Investigator CV: CV for Mr Chris Graham		
Questionnaire: A&E Department Survey 2012 Core Questionnaire	v1.0	23 February 2012
Questionnaire: A&E Department Survey 2012 Bank Questionnaire	v4.3	06 January 2012
A&E Department Survey 2012 First Mailing Letter	v2.0	19 January 2012
A&E Department Survey 2012 First Reminder Letter	v2.0	18 January 2012
A&E Department Survey 2012 Second Reminder Letter	v2.0	18 January 2012
A&E Department Survey 2012 Online Pilot Pre-Survey Approach Letter to Trusts	v2.0	07 February 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.

**02/8/100:**

**Please quote this number on all correspondence**

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 held on 13 March 2012**

**Present:**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Profession</i>	<i>Capacity</i>
Mrs Linda Ashcroft	Senior Statistician	Expert
Dr Caroline Carlisle	Research Nurse	Expert
Mr Stephen Edgar	Designer	Lay
Dr Michael U Eshiett	Consultant Physician	Expert
Professor Ravi S Gulati (Chair)	Consultant Physician	Expert
Ms Pat Harvey	Hospital Chaplain	Lay
Dr Ben Johnson	Consultant Psychiatrist	Expert
Mr Charles Otim	Research Support Officer	Lay
Mrs Sandra Reilly	Retired Headteacher	Lay
Mr Alan Rigby	Medical Statistician	Expert
Dr Valerie E Siddall	Retired Senior Manager - Pharmaceutical Industry	Lay

**Also in attendance:**

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