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**Caroline Killpack**  
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Dear Caroline

**Study title:** Survey of emergency departments in acute NHS hospital trusts in England  
**REC reference:** 02/8/100  
**Amendment number:** Substantial Amendment 2  
**Amendment date:** 31 March 2014

The above amendment was reviewed by the Sub-Committee in correspondence.

**Ethical opinion**

Approval was sought for a revised survey and accompanying letters.

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
Notice of Substantial Amendment (non-CTIMPs)	Substantial Amendment 2	31 March 2014
Questionnaire: Accident and Emergency Department Core Questionnaire 2014	1.0	14 March 2014
First Mailing Letter	1.0	14 March 2014
First Reminder Letter	1.0	14 March 2014
Second Reminder Letter	1.0	14 March 2014
Advertisement	Flyer v1.0	14 March 2014

## 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.

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**02/8/100:**

**Please quote this number on all correspondence**

Yours sincerely



**On behalf of  
Professor Ravi S Gulati  
Chair**

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

**Copy to:** Mr Chris Graham, Picker Institute Europe  
Dr Karen Halt, Care Quality Commission

## NRES Committee North West - Haydock

### Attendance at Sub-Committee of the REC meeting on 10 April 2014

<i>Name</i>	<i>Profession</i>	<i>Capacity</i>
Mrs Linda Ashcroft	Senior Statistician	Expert
Professor Ravi S Gulati (Chair)	Consultant Physician	Expert
Dr Tim S Sprosen	Epidemiologist	Expert

#### **Also in attendance:**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position (or reason for attending)</i>
Ms Rachel Katzenellenbogen	REC Assistant