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Dear Ms Powell

Study title: A trust level national survey of women's experience of NHS maternity services
REC reference: 07/MRE08/1
Amendment number: N/A
Amendment date: 02 February 2010

The above amendment was reviewed at the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 23 February 2010.

Ethical opinion

The amendment (dated 02 February 2010) requested approval for the National Survey of NHS Maternity Services that was conducted in 2007, to be repeated in spring 2010, using revised questionnaires.

In addition, the amendment sought approval for a change in Chief Investigator - from Professor Angela Coulter to Ms Caroline Powell. A copy of Ms Powell's CV had been submitted for review together with a signed copy of the declaration page of the NHS REC Application Form.

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

The Sub-Committee had no ethical difficulties 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 Harriet Hay, Research Associate, Picker Institute Europe		02 February 2010
Notice of Substantial Amendment (non-CTIMPs)		02 February 2010
Maternity Survey 2010_summary of changes_v2	v2	02 January 2010
Maternity Survey 2010_changes tracked from 2007 to 2010_v2.	v2	02 February 2010
Maternity Survey 2010. Question Bank Questionnaire_v2	v2	02 February 2010
Maternity Survey 2010. Core Questionnaire_v2	v2	02 February 2010
Maternity Survey 2010_First Mailing Letter_v1_changes tracked from 2007 to 2010	v1	28 January 2010
Maternity Survey 2010_First Mailing Letter_v1	v1	28 January 2010
Maternity Survey 2010_First Reminder Letter_v1_changes tracked from 2007 to 2010	v1	28 January 2010
Maternity Survey 2010_First Reminder Letter_v1	v1	28 January 2010
Maternity Survey 2010_Second Reminder Letter_v1_changes tracked from 2007 to 2010	v1	28 January 2010
Maternity Survey 2010_Second Reminder Letter_v1	v1	28 January 2010
Investigator CV: CV for Caroline Powell		
NHS REC Application Form - Part D: Declarations, signed by Caroline Powell		02 February 2010

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 (July 2001) and complies fully with the Standard Operating Procedures for Research Ethics Committees in the UK.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Noel', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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

Attendance at Sub-Committee meeting held on 23 February 2010

Name	Profession	Capacity
Dr Tim Sprosen Vice-Chair	Chief Scientific Officer – Medical Researcher/Epidemiologist	Expert
Mr Stephen Edgar	Designer	Lay
Professor Ravi S Gulati	Consultant Physician	Expert

In attendance:

Name	Capacity
Noel Graham	Co-ordinator