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Dear Mr Gregory,

Study title: Maternity Survey 2022
Date submitted: 17th December 2021

Ethical opinion

Approval was sought for an amended, 2022 version of the study with adjustments to the questionnaire and the sampling variables. The amendments were minor and were largely to accommodate on-going changes to the delivery of care associated with the pandemic and organisational changes in the NHS. The documents reviewed are noted below.

The documents and the changes raise no ethical issues which are not reasonably handled and justified in the application documents. For the sake of completeness, it would be useful to see the final Confidentiality Advisory Group letter when it arrives. Overall, it is good to see that the process continues to be reflective and critical in each iteration, and that previous discussions about ethical issues have been revisited. I am happy to give a favourable ethical opinion of the study on the basis described in the Ethics Application form and supporting documentation.

Committee Process

























The CQC's Independent Ethics Review Panel is tasked with reviewing studies commissioned by the CQC. It is chaired by Dr Mark Sheehan and includes Nigel Booth (Lay member) and Dr Gary Abel (Statistician). In accordance with its operating procedures, the full Panel reviews research studies which are new and have not been reviewed by the panel or its precursor. Amended, updated, or previously reviewed research studies, like this one, are reviewed by the Chair.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Mark Sheehan
Chair, On behalf of the CQC's Independent Ethics Review Panel

Documents Reviewed and Approved:

-  21-061424-01 MAT22_Ethics Submission form V3_IUO
-  21-061424-01 MAT22_Questionnaire Change Log_V2_IU
-  MAT22 Mainstage Questionnaire_Paper_CLEAN_161221
-  21-061424-01 MAT22 Survey Handbook_V2_ICU
-  21-061424-01 MAT22 Sampling Instructions_V2_ICU
-  21-061424-01 MAT22_Dissent information_V1_ICUO
-  21-061424-01 MAT22 SMS content V1_PUBLIC
-  21-061424-01_MAT22_Sampling Flowchart_V1
-  21-061424-01 MAT22_Text analytics_V1_ICUO
-  21-061424_MAT22_Sample declaration form - in-house_V2_ICU
-  21-061424_MAT22_Sample declaration form - contractor_V2_ICU
-  21-061424_MAT22_Sample construction form - contractors v2_ICU
-  21-061424_MAT22_Sample construction form - in house trusts v2_ICU
-  21-061424-01 MAT22 Mailing 4 letter V1_PUBLIC
-  21-061424-01 MAT22 Mailing 3 letter V1_PUBLIC
-  21-061424-01 MAT22 Mailing 2 letter V1_PUBLIC
-  21-061424-01 MAT22 Mailing 1 letter V1_PUBLIC
-  21-061424-01 MAT22 Young mothers leaflet V1 ICUO
-  21-061424-01 MAT22 Briefing note for young mothers leaflet V1 ICUO
-  21-061424-01 MAT22_Multilanguage sheet_V1_PUBLIC
-  21-061424-01 MAT22 dissent poster V1_ICU
-  20-051636-01_MAT21_Ethics Submission form_V3_ICU
-  20CAG0139 non-research fully supported outcome
-  HRA letter re Service Evaluations will not be considered by HRA