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28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Ms Jeffreson,

**Study title: Maternity Survey 2023**  
**Date submitted: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**

**Ethical opinion**

Approval was sought for an amended, 2023 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 lessening significance of the effects of COVID-19 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. 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:

-  22-058168-01 MAT23 Dissent poster English
-  22-059168 MAT23 Sample declaration form - contractor V3 ICU
-  22-059168 MAT23 Sample declaration form - in-house V3 ICU
-  22-059168-01 MAT23 16-17 year olds leaflet
-  22-059168-01 MAT23 Briefing note for 16-17 yr olds leaflet V2 ICUO
-  22-059168-01 MAT23 Core Questionnaire\_Postal
-  22-059168-01 MAT23 Dissent information ICUO
-  22-059168-01 MAT23 Mailing 1 letter V3
-  22-059168-01 MAT23 Mailing 2 letter V3
-  22-059168-01 MAT23 Mailing 3 letter V3
-  22-059168-01 MAT23 Mailing 4 letter V3
-  22-059168-01 MAT23 Sample construction form - contractors V3 ICU
-  22-059168-01 MAT23 Sample construction form - in house trusts V3 ICU
-  22-059168-01 MAT23 Sampling Flowchart V3
-  22-059168-01 MAT23 Sampling Instructions V3 ICU
-  22-059168-01 MAT23 SMS guidance V1\_ICUO
-  22-059168-01 MAT23 Survey Handbook V3 ICU
-  22-059168-01 MAT23\_Ethics Submission form V3\_CLEAN
-  22-059168-01 MAT23\_Multilanguage sheet\_V1\_Internal Client Use
-  22-059168-01 MAT23\_Questionnaire Change Log\_V3
-  23CAG0014\_ CAG Fully Supported
-  Decision letter - Maternity Survey 2022
-  HRA letter re Service Evaluations will not be considered by HRA
-  MAT22 Mainstage Questionnaire\_Paper\_V2\_PUBLIC