Faculty of Health and Medicine Ethical Review Processes

All research undertaken within the Faculty requires the completion of the Governance Checklist to determine the level of ethical review required before data collection (or analysis of existing data) begins. This includes research which is being led by other institutions and where ethical review has been carried out by them. This checklist is completed either a) as part of the ACP process for funded projects b) as a separate form for non-funded projects. Then proceed as follows:

At the discretion of the Chair of FHMREC, an application may be referred to UREC

- Does the research involve human participants (including direct contact or observation, access to on-line web forums, use of secondary data relating to humans, use of tissue samples, or evaluations of existing projects which include human participants, their observation or data)?
  - No
  - Yes

- Does the project require review via NHS processes?
  - No
  - Yes

- Does the project require initial approval from an external ethics committee?
  - Yes
  - No

- Submit external REC documentation once approved

- Complete FHMREC application form

- Research involves collecting or generating data arising from direct contact
  - Amendments made as appropriate in response to feedback from FHMREC / FHMREC Chair
  - Committee review
  - Documents passed to FHMREC Chair for final approval

- Research involves indirect contact only
  - Chair’s action

- R&D (only) approval is required

- Full NHS REC review is required

- You will be advised on any further action required

- Approval decision

- Liaise with FHMREC administrator regarding approval for submission to NHS IRAS