**Person specification University Research Ethics Committee lay member**

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| **Criteria** | **Essential/**  **Desirable** | **How will this be tested?** |
| Be committed to ensuring the highest standards for research ethics | E | Interview |
| Ability to understand and analyse complex issues and weigh up the relative merits of conflicting perspectives. | E | Application  & interview |
| Ability to be objective, and willingness to consider and engage with differing opinions of others, from a range of backgrounds | E | Application & interview |
| Good communication skills and confidence to voice own opinion. | E | Interview |
| Be committed to the values of accountability, honesty, openness and equality of opportunity. |  | Interview |
| Be available for meetings (4 per academic year) and willing to attend at least 3 of the ethics committee meetings (approximately 2 hours per meeting) | E | Interview |
| Understand the need for confidentiality, and to act to maintain confidentiality at all times | E | Interview |
| Be IT literate as some work may involve accessing information electronically. | E | Interview |
| Live within easy travelling distance of the University. (meetings will be held on campus) | D | Application & interview |