

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

Remit

The Research Ethics and Integrity Committee establishes and monitors, on behalf of the University, a set of fundamental principles to ensure Good Scientific Practice. These include the integrity of research involving human participants, research involving animal subjects, general principles of data confidentiality and access, and commitment to the UUK Concordat to support Research Integrity¹.

The Research Ethics and Integrity Committee meets three times in each academic year and reports to the Research and Innovation Committee

Specific Objectives

- To develop, implement and monitor research ethics policies.
- To approve the terms of reference, membership, procedures and annual reports of Faculty Research Ethics and Integrity Committees (FREICs) and give guidance to FREICs as required.
- To consider specific ethical matters, such as a FREIC being unable to reach a decision on a research proposal or if a researcher wishes to appeal against the decision of a FREIC.
- To undertake an annual audit of decisions taken by FREICs, particularly those decisions taken by expedited review
- To maintain a watching brief on emerging issues relating to research ethics and integrity and, if necessary, provide guidance on these to the University's Research and Innovation Committee.
- To report to the Research and Innovation Committee and provide an annual report to Senate as an addendum to the Research and Innovation Committee's annual report

¹ <http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/reports/Documents/2012/the-concordat-to-support-research-integrity.pdf>.

Membership

#	Position	Post Holder	Role
1	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Enterprise	Jerry Roberts	Chair
2	Head of Research Support and Development (RSD)	John Martin	R&I Member
3	Director of the Doctoral College	Roberta Mock	Member
4	Chair of the Faculty of Business Research Ethics and Integrity Committee	James Benhin	Member
5	Chair of the Faculty of Science & Engineering Research Ethics and Integrity Committee	Gillian Glegg	Member
6	Chair of PUPSMD Research Ethics and Integrity Committee	TBC	Member
7	Chair of the Faculty of Health and Human Sciences Research Ethics and Integrity Committee	Paul Artes Yaniv Hanoch	Member
8	Chair of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities Research Ethics and Integrity Committee	Katharine Willis Linda la Velle	Member
9	Lay member	David V Evans	Member
10	Chair/Representative of Human Tissue Authority Group	TBC	Member
11	Chair/Representative of Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board	Mairi Knight	Member
12	Representative from PSMD Governance Group	Pam Baxter	Member

Lay member: Person to act as a 'floating member' of all FREICs. He/she will not be required to attend all FREIC meetings however he/she will be asked to comment on all proposals which FREICs believe raise significant ethical issues and/or whenever a sponsor requires approval by a lay member (PU Research Ethics Policy 2013, Section 12).

Sub-committee: Appeals referred by a FREIC to the UREIC will be considered by a sub-committee. This sub-committee will comprise all UREIC members with the exception of the FREIC Chair referring the appeal for consideration (PU Research Ethics Policy 2013, Section 27).

Representatives from other areas (Information Security Group, Legal Team etc.) may be invited for timed business from time-to-time