

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY  
University Research Ethics Committee

General Guidance on Procedures for Research Ethics Approval

1. RESEARCH ETHICS POLICY AND RESOURCES

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- 3.2 Ethics approval must be obtained before any research activities commence which have an ethics dimension. This will be in the form of a letter which will specify one of the following:
- i) approved as submitted (with guidance on the baseline for the decision appropriate)
  - ii) approved subject to requested revisions or specified conditions
  - iii) rejected based on the principles of the Research Ethics Policy
- 3.3 It is good practice to incorporate ethics into the research design and so should be a consideration at this stage
- 3.4 The ethical dimensions of a research project may change during the course of a project. It is important for researchers to monitor developments for ethical implications and to seek approval, or approval of changes when changes affect ethical dimensions significantly. Examples include changes that affect the need to seek approval or that affect the nature of participation or the category of risk.
- 3.5 All researchers are expected to abide by the decision of REC. Research projects may be monitored, and may be called in for review at any time by the REC or the appropriate University body. Research projects cannot continue if REC withdraws or suspends ethics approval.
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3.9 The forms require the researcher to supply information about the project which is set out in such a way that the FRECs can review the project in relation to the guiding principles set out in the University's Research Ethics Policy

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stipulated in 5.7.

