

2.0 Projects Which Do Not Require LREC Approval

- Non-patient research, e.g. literature reviews, analysis of existing data sets. Such projects may require ethical scrutiny by a Faculty Research Ethics Committee and must follow the University's standard procedures.
- A project that is part of a larger study that has received ethical approval – as long as it is carried out in accordance with the already approved methodology and as long as it is within the timescale of the overarching project.
- Small projects that involve NHS patients or staff that are for the research training or the education of the student [such projects are working against a known standard rather than producing new knowledge]. Such projects would require standard ethical approval by the Faculty and University and would include a clear process of patient or staff consent. They will need to show evidence that they are not considered by the NHS to require NHS approval.