Ethics Committee

Reviewing research outside of NHS and university ethics review processes

Our Public Health Research Ethics Committee has been established to review public health research which falls outside of NHS and university ethics review processes, with a particular remit to review research undertaken by local authorities.

Benefits: Although an ethics review is entirely optional, it can help researchers and staff produce ethical, high quality, reliable and robust data. This will not only help support internal governance processes and decision making within host organisations but also provide assurance to local communities as well as academic journals interested in publishing the results.

Committee members: Our ethics committee consists of public health consultants based in local authorities and academia, ethicists, members of NHS and university research ethics committees, and public contributors with strong community research links.

Timescales: The committee meets monthly to review applications and aims to provide feedback within two weeks of the meeting taking place.