

**Which Research Ethics Committee Should I Apply To?**

University of Sussex Sponsorship + NHS REC and/or NHS governance review ‘HRA Approval’ via the HRA is required. Refer to University of Sussex Sponsorship webpages: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/staff/research/governance/sponsorship>

Is the study clinical research conducted with NHS patients and/or NHS staff requiring external NHS ethics or governance review via the [HRA](https://www.hra.nhs.uk/approvals-amendments/what-approvals-do-i-need/)?

YES

NO

In general,

BSMS Staff & PGRs

Apply to RGEC. BSMS PGTS & UGs

Apply to BSMS SREO.

All applicants apply via the online ethical review application system in Sussex Direct <https://direct.sussex.ac.uk>

Does the research

involve any activities listed in the

**Ethics Review Decision Making Tool**? <http://www.bsms.ac.uk/_word-docs/RGEC/Ethics-Review-Decision-Making-Tool-2022.docx>

YES

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NO

Is the research pedagogic or educational in nature? (e.g.

teaching evaluation, innovation-based, TEL, etc.)

*\*The term “educational” in this context does NOT refer to research being conducted to gain an undergraduate or postgraduate degree qualification. In this context “educational” means research undertaken in such areas as*

*educational methodologies and*

*techniques.*

Apply to RGEC

YES

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NO

If you intend to publish most journals require evidence of ethics review even for audit and service evaluation. Please check whether application to RGEC is needed.