

Research Governance, Ethics and Integrity Committee

The Research Governance, Integrity and Ethics Committee (RGEIC) will provide senior management oversight of ethics, governance and integrity-related matters pertaining to research activities within the University and establish and implement research related policies within the University, with referral to the Research Committee and the University Executive Board where necessary.

Terms of Reference:

- a. To provide senior management oversight of the University of Birmingham's research in relation to matters of ethics, governance and integrity and, where necessary, initiate management action to address issues that arise.
- b. To monitor and develop research related policies for the University of Birmingham, where necessary making recommendations to the University Executive Board.
- c. To own and review annually the University's Code of Practice for Research, recommending any required changes to the University Research Committee.
- d. To develop and deliver a strategy for the continuous improvement of research integrity within the University, initiating actions as necessary and making recommendations to University Executive Board as appropriate
- e. To consider and approve research related Quality Management Systems for implementation at the University level.
- f. To oversee ethical review activity across the University, establishing policies where appropriate and required, in order to ensure that the ethical quality of University research is maintained.
- g. Where ethical issues raised by research projects require management input or policy decisions, to consider cases that are referred to it by the University's research ethics committees or other bodies.
- h. To act as a body of appeal and final decision in relation to any disputed matter concerning research ethics.
- i. To consider and advise on issues relating to research which do not fall within the remit of another University Committee or procedure.
- j. To receive minutes and reports from the following University Committees:
 - The Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Ethics Committee
 - The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Ethics Committee
 - The Human Tissue Oversight Committee
 - The Clinical Trials Oversight Committee
 - The Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (AWERB)

Composition and Membership

Chairperson:

Professor Philip Newsome, Director of Research and Knowledge Transfer for the College of Medical & Dental Sciences

Members:

- College Research Governance leads (or their nominees):
 - MDS – Dr Wilma van Riel
 - CAL – Professor Fiona de Londras
 - CoSS – Professor Paul Jackson
 - EPS – Professor Chris Baber
 - L&ES – Professor Carolyn Greig
- Director of Research Strategy and Services Division – Dr Catherine Cochrane
- Head of Research Governance and Integrity – Dr Birgit Whitman
- Chair of the Clinical Trials Oversight Committee – Professor Julian Bion
- Chair of the Human Tissue Oversight Committee – Dr Phillip Tomson
- Chair of AWERB – Professor Janice Marshall
- Director of Legal Services – Ms Nicola Cardenas Blanco
- Assistant Director of HR, Workplace Wellbeing – TBC
- Representatives from the University's research ethics committees:
 - Humanities and Social Sciences – Dr Cerwyn Moore, Professor Donna Ladkin and TBC
 - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics – Dr Carolyn Greig, Dr Roger Newham and Dr Anna Lavis
- Lay member – Mr Len Threadgold

In Attendance:

Research Ethics Officer – Mrs Susan Cottam (Secretary)
Research Governance Officer – TBC

Reporting Relationship

Reports to the Research Committee, and as appropriate, Audit Committee. Where required on particular issues it may report directly to the University Executive Board.

Minutes of meetings will be received by the Research Committee.

Secretary

Research Ethics Manager