Statement about the University Ethics Committee 2016 Audit

During 2016, the University Ethics Committee (UEC) carried out an internal audit in order to support high research integrity standards and maintain compliance with the ‘Concordat to support research integrity’ as published by Universities UK.

The audit was carried out on a random sample of research projects chosen from ethics applications submitted to the committee between Aug 2014 and July 2015. The researchers completed self-assessment audit forms that were reviewed by UEC members to highlight areas of best practice and issues in need of attention. Also, the audit was used as an opportunity for researchers to comment on their experience of the ethical review process and on training needs. A number of recommendations were made on the basis of audit, focusing on long term storage of digital and hard copy data and on the need to lodge an amendment if any part of the study changes. It is anticipated that this audit will be repeated on an annual basis.

If you have any questions, or want to know more about the audit procedure, please contact the UEC on the following email address: ethics@surrey.ac.uk

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