Peer Review Form for University of Leicester Sponsored Research

# Peer review guidance for researchers

It is one of the responsibilities of a Research Sponsor to ensure that, “an appropriate process of independent expert review has demonstrated a research proposal to be worthwhile, of high scientific quality and good value for money”. As a result, all research requesting University of Leicester (UoL) Sponsorship require appropriate and proportionate peer review.

If your study is applying for NIHR portfolio adoption, two **external** (from outside the institution) and **independent** (from outside the research team) peer reviews are required. If you are not applying for NIHR portfolio adoption, two **independent** (from outside the research team) peer reviews are required, ideally these should also be conducted by individuals external to the University of Leicester.

Further guidance on peer review requirements is available on the [Research Governance Webpages](https://uniofleicester.sharepoint.com/sites/Research-Governance-Ethics-Integrity/SitePages/Application-Peer-Review.aspx) (UoL login required).

# Instructions for the reviewer

Thank you for agreeing to undertake a peer review of this project, please ensure all sections are completed.

1. **Project Details:**

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| **Chief Investigator name:** |  |
| **Project Title:** |  |

1. **Independent Review**

Please comment on the following areas;

| **Area Reviewed** | **Comments** |
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| 1. The originality of the research –  * Does the background adequately justify the study? * Does the research have a clear hypothesis or objective? * How is the research of importance to patients/service users? |  |
| 1. The study design –  * Is the methodology appropriate? * Is the study feasible and achievable? * Are there any risk to participants which need to be considered? |  |
| 1. Sampling –  * Is the sample size sufficient to answer the research question? * Are the inclusion/exclusion criteria appropriate? |  |
| 1. Appropriateness of data analysis methods and planned statistical tests –  * Is the clinical/biological significance clearly explained? |  |
| 1. Do you have any recommendations/suggestions for changes to the study, its design or methodology? |  |

1. **Declaration**

I declare that I have not been involved in the design of this study, am not part of the study team, have read and reviewed the study proposal/protocol and that I have no conflict of interest in acting as a referee.

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