



## North West Multi-centre Research Ethics Committee

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Dear Dr Reeves

**Study title:** Trust based survey on inpatients in acute NHS hospitals  
**REC reference:** MREC 01/8/90  
**Protocol number:** N/A  
**EudraCT number:** N/A

**Amendment number:** N/A  
**Amendment date:** 3 February 2005

The above amendment was reviewed at the meeting of the Sub-Committee of the North West Multi-Centre Research Ethics Committee held on 23 February 2005.

### **Ethical opinion**

The North West MREC gave a favourable ethical opinion for implementation of a stroke survey in 52 Acute Trusts across England on 22 June 2004. This amendment now requested approval for the questionnaire and covering letters to be used in the follow-up element of the survey.

It was noted that the questionnaire had been tested and validated by means of cognitive interviews with 10 stroke patients, and that the instructions and some of the questions therein were almost identical to those already approved for use in the main stroke survey. Furthermore, a number of questions had been REC-approved for use in some of the other trust-based patient surveys.

The members of the Committee present gave a favourable ethical opinion of the amendment on the basis described in the notice of amendment form and supporting documentation.

### **Approved documents**

The documents reviewed and approved at the meeting were: -

- **Notice of Substantial Amendment – dated 03/02/05**
- **Stroke Care Questionnaire – version 6 - dated 01/02/05**
- **Stroke Follow-up Survey Cover Letter – version 2 - dated 01/02/05**
- **Stroke Follow-up Survey First Reminder Letter – version 2 - dated 01/02/04**
- **Stroke Follow-up Survey Second Reminder Letter – version 2 - dated 01/02/05**

**Membership of the Committee**

The members of the Ethics Committee who were present at the meeting are listed on the attached sheet.

**Management approval**

All investigators and research collaborators in the NHS should notify the R&D Department for the relevant NHS care organisation of this amendment and check whether it affects local management approval of the research.

**Statement of compliance**

The Committee is constituted in accordance with the Governance Arrangements for Research Ethics Committees (July 2001) and complies fully with the Standard Operating Procedures for Research Ethics Committees in the UK.

**MREC 01/8/90**

**Please quote this number on all correspondence**

Yours sincerely



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**Enclosures: -**            List of names and professions of members who were present at the meeting and those who submitted written comments

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Dr Paul R Kelsey – Chairman – Consultant Haematologist

Dr Brian Faragher – Medical Statistician

Professor Elizabeth Perkins – Lay Member