Is it research (defined in the CUREC glossary)?

YES

Research involves human participants, tissue and/or personal data

YES

Research involves only previously collected, anonymised non-NHS data (excluding biological samples) that cannot be traced back to an individual by the researcher/collaborators?

YES

Ethics approval not required

NO

Does the research involve any of the following within the UK or the EU?

- clinical trial (CTIMP) or administration of an unlicensed drug
- ionising radiation
- Collection of tissue samples subject to the Human Tissue Act (refer also to BPG15—link at top of this page)
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YES

SPONSORSHIP REVIEW

Research involves:

- healthy volunteers only
- NHS staff

Does not include collection of tissue subject to the Human Tissue Act

YES

NO

NHS ETHICS REVIEW REQUIRED via Health Research Authority (HRA)

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Departmental RECs (DRECs): Apply to your Departmental REC (DREC) if there is one

Applicants from Social Sciences or Humanities departments without their own Departmental REC (DREC) apply directly to SSH IDREC

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- Medical/health-related research, including CTIMPs, solely outside the UK and the EU

Applicants from the Medical Sciences and Mathematical, Physical & Life Sciences divisions (except Computer Science - who have a DREC) apply to MS IDREC

apply to Oxford Tropical REC (OxTREC)
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Other appropriate national approvals e.g., Health Research Authority (HRA)

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Ethical approval not required

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SSH IDREC

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