

**Minutes of the meeting of the Sub Committee of the Confidentiality Advisory Group
7 June 2016**

Reviewers:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Profession</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Dr Tony Calland		Yes	

Amendment

15/CAG/0152 - A Prospective Observational Study of the Diagnostic Accuracy of an Ambulance triage Tool for Ruptured Aortic Aneurysms

Purpose of application

This application from St George's Hospital NHS Trust sets out the purpose of conducting a prospective study to test the Field Triage tool for Ruptured Aortic Aneurysms. AAA leads to 8000 deaths per year and there was 41% of misdiagnosis, which would have an impact on number of deaths. The research team at St George's Hospital NHS Trust was proposing to introduce software on mobile phones of paramedics and by entering certain types of information, the paramedics would be able to identify increased risk of rAAA to support the diagnosis process. The application is for the pilot to test the accuracy of the software.

The study will assess how practical it is to utilise the scoring system software in practice, enable feedback from paramedics and allow modelling of excess treatment costs and the impact on vascular and non-vascular A&E Workload. The study will also assess how accurately the ambulance computer software, which had been developed for this purpose, can correctly identify those patients who have a RAAA. The applicant was seeking s251 support in order for London Ambulance Service to obtain discharge summaries containing confidential patient information, from hospitals where the patient, who meets the inclusion criteria, was conveyed. The applicant appreciates that London Ambulance Service (LAS) regularly process confidential patient information as part of the patient's direct care pathway; however, LAS currently do not obtain discharge summaries. The applicant also confirms that the research team will only receive pseudonymised data from LAS.

A recommendation for class 5 and 6 support was requested to allow access to an authorised user for the purpose of auditing, monitoring and analysing patient care and treatment.

Confidential patient information requested

Access was requested to NHS number, name, date of birth and postcode.

Amendment request

The amendment request was to collect date of death using patient identifiable data that are already routinely held by the London Ambulance Service, in addition to discharge diagnosis and in hospital mortality (for which permission and ethical approval was already in place).

Confidential Data will be collected by clinical staff at the London ambulance service through their existing routine access to healthcare records, before being anonymised and passed on to the research team at St. George's along with discharge diagnosis (as per existing protocols).

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The amendment requested was forwarded to the Vice Chair for consideration, no questions were raised.

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In line with the considerations above, the Chair agreed that the minimum criteria under the Regulations appeared to have been met for this amendment, and therefore advised recommending support to the Health Research Authority.

Specific conditions of support

1. Confirmation of suitable security arrangements via IG Toolkit submission. **Confirmed**
2. Confirmation of a favourable opinion from a Research Ethics Committee. **Confirmed**
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