

NRES Committee London - Westminster

Annual Report

01 April 2013 - 31 March 2014

Part 1 - Committee Membership and Training

Name of REC: NRES Committee London - Westminster

Type of REC: Recognised, Type I and Type III

Type of Flag: None

Chair: Dr Alan Ruben

Vice-Chair: Mr Robert Goldstein

Alternate Vice-Char: Mr Andrew Hughes

REC Manager: Mrs Alison O'Kane (up to September 2013)

Mr Atul Patel (from September 2013)

REC Assistant: Miss Laura Hewitt (from December 2013)

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Chair's overview of the past year:

This has been another unsettled year for the committee due to uncertainty about our future administrative location; changes in the REC manager (co-ordinator) and their assistants; and the difficulties around the availability of expert members due to pressures of clinical work. Unfortunately, two more expert members resigned this year due to clinical commitments. We hope that at least some of these issues have now been finally resolved.

We have agreed to try undertaking Proportionate Reviews and though this is interesting and seems very worthwhile, we will need to make sure that this does not put unacceptable workload on members who already make a considerable and much appreciated contribution.

L Alan Ruben

NRES Committee London - Westminster Membership:

Name	Occupation	Expert or	Dates	
		Lay	Appointed	Resigned
Mrs Emma Bassett	Lay Member	Lay	11/06/2008	16/05/2013
Mr Robert Goldstein	Economist	Lay Plus	01/07/2013	
Miss Catherine Hamilton	Pharmacist	Expert	01/01/2010	01/06/2013
Dr Syed Hoque	Consultant	Expert	07/03/2013	
	Gastroenterologist &			
	Physician			
Mr Andrew Hughes	Online Publisher	Lay	21/01/2011	
Miss Eunice Jeffs	Macmillan Lymphoedema	Expert	04/02/2013	27/08/2013
	Specialist Practitioner			
Miss Nina Khazaezadeh	Consultant Midwife	Expert	01/03/2011	
Mr Douglas Meehan	Events Co-ordinator	Lay Plus	01/09/2011	30/07/2013
Mr Christopher Mellor	Barrister	Lay Plus	06/02/2013	
Mrs Rosemary Morgan	Retired (Financial	Lay Plus	01/01/2013	
	Services)			
Mr Malcolm Morton	Retired (Practice	Lay Plus	31/05/2013	
	Manager)			
Dr Valbona Muzaka	Senior Lecturer in	Lay Plus	01/07/2013	
	International Political			
	Economy			
Miss Aarti Nandani	Clinical Trials Pharmacist	Expert	27/02/2014	
Dr Kevin O'Kane	Consultant Physician	Expert	01/06/2008	
Dr Mark O'Neill	Consultant Cardiologist &	Expert	01/09/2011	04/04/2013
	Reader in Clinical Cardiac			
	Electrophysiology			
Dr Marlies Ostermann	Consultant Intensivist	Expert	01/09/2011	19/02/2014
Mr Michael Puntis	ICU/Anaesthetist	Expert	08/07/2010	
Dr Alan Ruben	Retired (General	Expert	01/09/2011	
	Practitioner)			
Miss Ros Stanbury	Retired Ophthalmologist	Expert	03/07/2006	
Dr Alan Swann	Occupational Physician	Expert	24/10/2013	

Deputy Members

Name	Occupation	Expert or Lay	Meeting date attended
Mr Owain Thomas	Barrister (Deputy for Christopher Mellor)	Lay	29/10/2013

Co-opted Members

Name	Occupation	Expert or Lay	Meeting date attended
Mr David Burbidge	Retired	Lay	28/05/2013
Roy Sinclair	Pharmacist	Expert	28/05/2013

NRES Committee London - Westminster: Members' Declarations of Interest:

Name	Declaration of Interest	Date
Dr Syed Hoque	No interests declared	10/05/2013
Dr Alan Ruben	Various Unit Trust shares held which may or may not include Pharmaceutical companies Member of the research Ethics Committee of the British School of Osteopathy	18/04/2013
Mr Douglas Meehan	None	29/04/2013
Dr Marlies Ostermann	Acted as a reviewer for NIHR grants applications. Received speaker's honoraria from Fresenius and Alere	29/04/2013
Mr Malcolm Morton	Volunteer for West Sussex Youth Offender Service Volunteer for Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust	31/05/2013
Mr Christopher Mellor	None	12/03/2014
Mrs Rosemary Morgan	None	12/03/2014
Miss Nina Khazaezadeh	None	25/02/2014
Mr Andrew Hughes	No interests declared	24/11/2013
Mr Robert Goldstein	Shares in some medical companies	25/11/2013
Dr Valbona Muzaka	None	05/06/2013
Dr Alan Swann	Provides OH services to researchers who may be involved in clinical research. This can include advising individuals on precautions to protect themselves while conducting the research.	28/01/2014
Dr Kevin O'Kane	None	30/04/2013
Miss Ros Stanbury	Small number of shares held in Glaxosmithkline	31/03/2014
Mr Owain Thomas	None	31/03/2014
Mr Michael Puntis	None	31/03/2014

Meetings for Full Ethical Review 01 April 2013 - 31 March 2014:

Month	Date	Number of Members Present at Meeting
April	30/04/2013	11
May	28/05/2013	7
June	25/06/2013	8
July	30/07/2013	8
August	27/08/2013	8
September	24/09/2013	9
October	29/10/2013	13
November	26/11/2013	9
January	28/01/2014	11
February	25/02/2014	8
March	25/03/2014	9

¹¹ full committee meetings were held during the reporting period.

Proportionate Review Sub Committee Meetings held during 01 April 2013 - 31 March 2014:

Month	Date	Number of Members Present	
		at Meeting	
January	13/01/2014	3	
February	18/02/2014	3	
March	18/03/2014	3	

³ proportionate review sub-committee meetings were held during the reporting period.

Attendance of Members: 01 April 2013 – 31 March 2014:

Name	Number of
	Meetings
	Attended
Dr Alan Ruben	9
Mr Andrew Hughes	9
Mr Michael Puntis	9
Miss Ros Stanbury	8
Dr Marlies Ostermann	8
Mr Malcolm Morton	8
Mrs Rosemary Morgan	8
Dr Syed Hoque	6
Dr Kevin O'Kane	6
Mr Robert Goldstein	6
Mr Christopher Mellor	5
Dr Alan Swann	4
Dr Valbona Muzaka	3
Mr Douglas Meehan	3
Miss Eunice Jeffs	2
Miss Nina Khazaezadeh	2
Miss Aarti Nandani	1
Mrs Emma Bassett	1
Mr Owain Thomas	1

Number of inquorate meetings held: 0

Attendance of Members at proportionate review sub-committee meetings: 01 April 2013 – 31 March 2014:

Name	Number of Meetings Attended
Dr Alan Ruben	3
Miss Stephanie Ellis	2
Mr Malcolm Morton	2
Mr Michael Puntis	1
Mrs Rosemary Morgan	1

Training 01 April 2013 – 31 March 2014:

Name of Member	Date	Event(s) attended
Miss Ros Stanbury	02/05/2013 - 02/05/2013	Ethical Issues in Research
		Involving Children
Mrs Rosemary Morgan	02/05/2013 - 02/05/2013	Ethical Issues of Research
		Involving Children
Miss Catherine Hamilton	22/04/2013 - 22/04/2013	Information Governance
		Training, GSTT
Dr Marlies Ostermann	27/05/2013 - 27/05/2013	e learning module 'Research
		and human tissue legislation'
Mr Michael Puntis	20/11/2013 - 20/11/2013	National Members Training Day,
		HRA
Dr Alan Ruben	02/09/2013 - 02/09/2013	Chairs' NREAP meeting, HRA
Dr Alan Ruben	13/02/2014 - 13/02/2014	Assessing the consequences
		(benfit and harms) of Research:
		a HRA Workshop, HRA
Miss Nina Khazaezadeh	01/01/2014 - 01/01/2014	Equality & Diversity
Mr Robert Goldstein	02/05/2013 - 02/05/2013	Ethical Issues of Research
		Involving Children
Miss Aarti Nandani	01/03/2014 - 01/03/2014	MRC module on Human Tissue
		in Relation to Research
Miss Aarti Nandani	01/03/2014 - 15/03/2014	Read through the Standard
		Operating Procedures for
		Research Ethics Committees
Mr Christopher Mellor	18/09/2013 - 18/09/2013	Induction
Mr Michael Puntis	05/02/2014 - 05/02/2014	Equality & Diversity

Part 2: REC workload and activity during the reporting period.

Table 1: Applications assigned to a full committee meeting held within the reporting period:

Applications for full ethical review – Study Type	Number	%
Clinical Trial of Investigational Medicinal Product	20	33.90
Phase 1	4	6.78
Gene Therapy	0	0.00
Research Tissue Bank	0	0.00
Research Database	0	0.00
Others	35	59.32
Total Applications Reviewed	59	100

Table 2: Other REC activity during the reporting period:

Number of applications made invalid by co-ordinator	2
Number of studies withdrawn prior to the meeting	11
Number of student applications reviewed	7
Number of paediatric applications reviewed	4
Number of device applications reviewed	3
Number of prisoner applications reviewed	0
Number of applications involving adults unable consent reviewed	0
Number of applications reviewed funded by the US DHHS	0

Table 3: Decisions given at meetings held within the reporting period:

Decisions taken at meetings following review of applications	Number	%
Favourable Opinion with Standard Conditions	1	1.69
Favourable Opinion with Additional Conditions	14	23.73
Unfavourable Opinion	2	3.39
Provisional Opinion	41	69.49
Invalid	0	0.00
No Opinion Pending Consultation with Referee	0	0.00
Provisional Opinion Pending Consultation with Referee	1	1.69
Not Requiring Review by NHS REC	0	0.00
Total	59	100
Number of studies sent back to full committee meeting for final opinion	0	

Table 4: Summary of current status of applications reviewed during the reporting period:

Status of applications at date of generation of report	Number	%
Further Information Favourable Opinion with Standard	33	55.93
Conditions		
Further Information Favourable Opinion with Additional	5	8.47
Conditions		
Further Information Unfavourable Opinion	0	0.00
Favourable Opinion with Standard Conditions	1	1.69
Favourable Opinion with Additional Conditions	14	23.73
Unfavourable Opinion	2	3.39
Provisional Opinion	1	1.69
Provisional Opinion Pending Consultation with Referee	0	0.00
Invalid	0	0.00
No Opinion Pending Consultation with Referee	0	0.00
Further Information response not complete	3	5.08
Not Requiring Review by NHS REC	0	0.00
No decision entered on RED	0	0.00
Number of studies withdrawn after the meeting	0	0.00
Total	59	100

Table 5: Applications assigned to a proportionate review sub-committee within the reporting period:

Total Applications Reviewed	7

Table 6: Decisions given at proportionate review sub-committee meetings held within the reporting period:

Decisions taken at proportionate review sub-	Number	%
committee meetings		
Favourable Opinion with Standard Conditions	1	14.29
Favourable Opinion with Additional Conditions	2	28.57
No Opinion transfer to full committee for review	1	14.29
Provisional Opinion	3	42.86
Unfavourable Opinion	0	0.00
Total	7	100

Table 7: Other Management Information for the reporting period:

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Average number of applications reviewed per full meeting	5.36
Number of applications for full ethical review over 60 days	0
Number of applications over 60 days as a % of total	0.00%
Number of days taken to final decision - average	31
Number of days taken to final decision - mode	22
Number of SSAs (non-Phase 1) reviewed	2
Number of applications for SSA review over 25 days	0
Number of applications for SSA review over 25 days as % of all non-Phase 1 (SSAs)	0.0%
Number of SSAs (Phase 1) reviewed	0
Number of applications for SSA review over 14 days	0
Number of applications for SSA review over 14 days as % of all Phase 1 (SSAs)	0%
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Number of substantial amendments reviewed	108
Number of substantial amendments over 35 days	4
Number of substantial amendments over 35 days as a % of total substantial amendments	3.7%
Number of Section 30 applications reviewed	0
Number of Section 30 applications over 60 days	0
Number of Section 30 applications over 60 days as a % of total Section 30 applications	0%
Number of modified amendments reviewed	1
Number of modified amendments over 14 days	0
Number of modified amendments over 14 days as a % of total modified amendments	0.0%
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Number of proportionate review applications for ethical review over 14 days	2
Number of proportionate review applications over 14 days as a % of total	33.3%

Table 8: Breakdown of current status of all applications reviewed within the reporting period:

Further Information Favourable Opinion with Standard Conditions		
REC Reference	Application Short Title	Number of Days on Clock
13/LO/0516	Platinum induced changes in ICMT-11	31
13/LO/0570	The addition of TPV in patients with acute hep C/HIV co-infection	60
13/LO/0701	Evolution of Systolic Hypertension in Twins UK	24
13/LO/0704	A study of allergen extracts in house dust mite associated asthma	30
13/LO/0720	MEK162 vs Dacarzabine in NRAS mutation positive melanoma patients	27
13/LO/0746	Adult attachment and quality of life after a traumatic brain injury	39
13/LO/0755	Predicting response to CRT using body surface ECG mapping	27
13/LO/0759	Cold and exercise stress on patients with coronary artery disease	25
13/LO/0980	Investigation into the role of GTN & RIPC in cardiac surgery	24
13/LO/1019	Dose-Ranging Proof of Concept Study of BIIB033 in Relapsing MS	38
13/LO/1050	E7080-G000-304 - Unresectable Hepatocellular Carcinoma	40
13/LO/1066	Hydrus 4 Study	26
13/LO/1116	STRONG TREAT 1 to 4	26
13/LO/1127	To evaluate the efficacy and safety of MOD-4023 compared to Placebo	38
13/LO/1287	Study in Healthy Male Subjects to Investigate a New Drug NNC0113-0987	34
13/LO/1289	Phase 3 Study KW-0761Versus Vorinostat in CTCL Patients	40
13/LO/1310	Contrast enhanced ultrasound for the detection of ocular inflammation	26
13/LO/1311	Young Black men and their experiences of an Early Intervention Service	29
13/LO/1328	PARAGON- LCZ696 vs valsartan in patients with chronic heart failure	37
13/LO/1375	OvPSYCH 2	23
13/LO/1683	T-Study	22
13/LO/1788	PK and PD of PA10040, EC Aspirin and -Omeprazole in healthy volunteers	32
14/LO/0046	An Observational follow-up study to Protocol 018	29
14/LO/0066	Pronuts version 1	22
14/LO/0087	An observational study on clearance on biologics in plaque psoriasis	34
14/LO/0124	SYNERGY II	27
14/LO/0143	Assessment of 18F-Sodium Fluoride PET/CT as a measure of calcification	38
14/LO/0148	Dapagliflozin in Type 2 diabetic patients with diabetic nephropathy.	31
14/LO/0202	Work of breathing during HHFNC and CPAP	34

14/LO/0220	PET/MRI Oncological Imaging	34
14/LO/0306	Phase IB study of MK3475 in subjects with Select Advanced Solid Tumors	38
14/LO/0356	Embryo implantation rate after endometrial scratch	15
14/LO/0363	Maternity Assist Feasibility Study Version 1	13
14/LO/0451	Electrical stimulation use with pelvic fracture rehabilitation Vrs 1	59
14/LO/0473	Measuring anxiety in Autism Spectrum Disorder	12
14/LO/0499	SAD, Safety, PK of ASP3700 in healthy male subjects, plus a DDI part	39

Further Information Favourable Opinion with Additional Conditions		
REC Reference	Application Short Title	Number of Days on Clock
13/LO/0920	Developing NE London Cancer Surveillance Project: Distance Monitoring	46
13/LO/1037	Nasally and sc administered teriparatide in healthy volunteers	50
13/LO/1332	Study Evaluating Tolerability and Anti-tumour activity of OPB 111001	30
13/LO/1383	Cost of Treatment and Care for Newly Diagnosed People Living With HIV	43
13/LO/1513	Rituximab Plus Lenalidomide (CC-5013) in Indolent Lymphoma	26

Further Informati	on Unfavourable Opinion	
REC Reference	Application Short Title	Number of Days on Clock

Favourable Opinion with Standard Conditions		
REC Reference	Application Short Title	Number of Days on Clock
13/LO/1374	Measuring hospital harm from databases and case notes	20
14/LO/0472	JLA Neuro-Oncology Group	20

Favourable Opinion with Additional Conditions		
REC Reference	Application Short Title	Number of Days on Clock
13/LO/0539	Kisspeptin in pregnancy and gestational diabetes	17
13/LO/0721	Biomarkers for disease activity and infections in SLE	17
13/LO/0810	(duplicate) Fatigue management and relaxation at end of life: a pilot	42
13/LO/0968	Rituximab versus cyclophosphamide in connective tissue disease-ILD	20
13/LO/1316	NF2 Avastin Tumour responses	24
13/LO/1591	The PLACE study	23
13/LO/1596	Chronic neuroinflammation following TBI v1.0	34

13/LO/1599	CORAL: Cancer of the OvaRy Abiraterone triaL	23
13/LO/1629	Pain_OMICs	22
13/LO/1753	RAPID II	23
13/LO/1783	Self-management tools to manage adherence in Parkinson's disease v4	22
13/LO/1796	Phase I/II Study of ColoAd1 Intraperitoneally in Ovarian Cancer Patients	22
14/LO/0062	Experiences of African parents having a child diagnosed with ASD in UK	20
14/LO/0100	APIPPRA version 1.0	20
14/LO/0144	3D tomosynthesis vs 2D conventional digital imaging breast specimen	11
14/LO/0355	Analysis of 24/7 working in the London Hyperacute Stroke System (1.0)	13

Unfavourable Opinion		
REC Reference	Application Short Title	Number of Days on Clock
13/LO/1607	An Observational follow-up study to Protocol 018	37
14/LO/0461	SB5 Compared to Humira® in Subjects with Moderate to Severe RA	44

Provisional Opinion			
REC Reference	Application Short Title	Number of Days on Clock	
13/LO/0444	Missed Opportunities for HIV Testing	N/A	

Provisional Opini	on Pending Consultation with Referee	
REC Reference	Application Short Title	Number of Days on Clock

Further information response not complete				
REC Reference	EC Reference Application Short Title Number of Days on Cl			
14/LO/0150	Computer Model Indices to Individualise Heart Failure Treatment	N/A		
14/LO/0414	OPIP	N/A		
14/LO/0433	The disability complex of early onset epilepsies	N/A		

Withdrawn after t	he meeting	
REC Reference	Application Short Title	Number of Days on Clock

Invalid Applicatio	n	
REC Reference	Application Short Title	Number of Days on Clock

No Opinion Pending Consultation with Referee			
REC Reference	Application Short Title	Number of Days on Clock	
Not Requiring Review by NHS REC			
REC Reference	Application Short Title	Number of Days on Clock	

Table 9: Items exceeding timelines:

Full applications for ethical review over 60 day timeline		
REC Reference	Application Short Title	Number of Days on Clock

Proportionate review applications for ethical review over 14 days timeline			
REC Reference	Number of Days on Clock		
14/LO/0356	Embryo implantation rate after endometrial scratch	15	
14/LO/0472	JLA Neuro-Oncology Group	20	

SSAs (non Phase	1) over 25 days timeline	
REC Reference	Application Short Title	Number of Days on Clock

SSAs (Phase 1) over 14 days timeline		
REC Reference	Application Short Title	Number of Days on Clock

Substantial Amendments over 35 day timeline				
Amendment Reference	Application Short Title	Amendment Title	Number of Days on Clock	
11/LO/0045/AM04	Peanut Allergy Sensitisation Study (PAS Study)	Protocol Version 3: Amendment 4	37	
12/LO/0118/AM04	Study of CC-223 in patients with advanced solid tumours,NHL or MM	Protocol Amendment 9 (12.03.13)	41	
11/LO/0123/AM03	Atopic Dermatitis Anti-IgE Paediatric Trial (ADAPT)	Substantial amendment 3	44	
11/LO/1481/AM08	A randomised controlled trial of rehabilitation in OHS	Amendment 7, 28.02.2014	43	

Modified Amendments over 14 day timeline			
Amendment Reference Application Short Title Amendment Title Number of Days on			
			Clock

Section 30 application over 60 day timeline			
Amendment Reference	Application Short Title	Amendment Title	Number of Days on
			Clock