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| **Agenda item:** | **8** |
| **Attachment:** | **C** |

**HRA BOARD COVER SHEET**

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| **Date of Meeting:** | 18 November 2015 |

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| **Title of Paper:** | UK policy framework for health and social care research |
| **Purpose of Paper:** | The UK policy framework for health and social care research sets out principles of good practice in the management and conduct of health research that take appropriate account of legal requirements and other standards. These principles protect and promote the interests of patients, services users and the public in health and social care research, by describing ethical conduct and proportionate, assurance-based management of health and social care research, so as to support and facilitate high-quality research in the UK that commands the confidence of patients, service users and the public. |
| **Reason for Submission:** | For Board note and discussion |
| **Details:** | 1. The draft UK policy framework for health and social care research was issued for an informal call for comments in each UK country in spring 2015. The HRA summary of responses is attached (annex A) and was published on the HRA web site on 10th November
2. The UK-wide intention is to issue a further version of the policy framework, revised in light of the responses to the call for comments and follow-on engagement, in each of the four UK countries for formal public consultation on 18th December, subject to Ministerial agreements.
3. The Board is invited to note the latest draft (annex B), and to comment if it wishes, ahead of finalisation and formatting for sign-off by the UK-wide RGF steering group on 24th November and Ministerial agreement in late November/early December.
4. A draft communications plan (annex C) and indicative forward timetable (annex D) are also attached for information.
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| **Time required for item:** | **30 minutes** |

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| **Recommendation / Proposed Actions:** | **To Approve** |  |
| **To Note** | **x** |
| **For Discussion** | **x** |
| **Comments** |  |

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| **Date:** | 11/11/2015 |