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QResearch Science Committee Meeting 09.03.20
Julia Hippisley-Cox’s Office, RPC, Woodstock Road, OX2 6GG

Attending: Julia Hippisley-Cox, Sarah Lay-Flurrie, Stavros Petrou, Claire Meadows (minutes)

Apologies: Clare Bankhead, James Sheppard, Mike Walton

Chair: Rafael Perera

<p>1 Minutes last meeting including updated action table and dates of all booked meetings</p> <p>Last meeting’s minutes approved by committee.</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p>2 Actions and matters arising</p> <p>The committee agreed that, where applications have comments/corrections, the application should be corrected and returned to the committee member who reviewed it.</p> <p>It was also agreed on that there should be a non-public facing version of the minutes that will remain within the committee so original reviewer is identifiable.</p> <p>The committee agreed that there should be transparency with regards to letting the applicant know who reviewed their application, but it should be stressed that the reviewer will not handle personal correspondence on the application. The process should remain centralised within the QResearch website.</p>	
<p>3 Review of process so far</p> <p>JHC confirmed that website changes with regards to navigation on Information for Researchers page on QResearch website. JHC suggested in a few months canvassing for user feedback. Committee agreed. JHC also suggested that a committee member perform a quick review.</p> <p>JHC will ask John C for space on application to attach peer reviews to the application</p>	<p>JHC</p>
<p>5 OX69 application</p>	

<p>JHC left the room while this application was discussed.</p> <p>Application led by Ruth Jack of Nottingham University. JHC is a co-applicant. The aim of the study is to assess seasonal trends in adolescents compared to young adults. QResearch data from 2006 -2017 will be used.</p> <p>Application approved by SP, will clarification needed on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The applicant should clarify why the post-university age group should be curtailed at 28 years. With regards to antidepressant prescription rates, some clarity is required on whether the applicants propose to examine all SSRIs or just fluoxetine, sertraline and citalopram prescriptions. With regards to self-harm event rates, some clarity is required on how these will be defined (will they cover all self-harm events across the spectrum from milder forms of non-suicidal behaviour through to near-fatal suicide attempts) and what Read codes will be used? Also, some clarity is required on whether the applicants plan to capture more medically serious cases in hospital settings as there is no mention of extracting information from linked HES records. - There is no mention of exclusion criteria in the proposal: the applicants could consider excluding patients with a history of depression, anxiety or self harming behaviour on study entry. The section on study population states that individuals will be followed up until, amongst other factors, 31st December of the year they turn 28. I think this should read 31st December of the year they turn either 18 or 23 or 28, depending on their allocation group. <p>SP confirmed that none of these points affect the feasibility of the study. SP to respond to applicant.</p>	<p>SP</p>
<p>6 AOB</p> <p>No other business.</p>	
<p>7 Date of next meeting</p> <p>20th April, 1pm – 2pm, Julia Hippisley-Cox’s office, RPC</p>	

Action point	Owner	Notes
Ask John C to create a section on the application for peer reviews	JHC	Partially completed 17.3.20. Contact made with IT.
Propose committee membership to Ben Cairns and report back in time for next meeting	RP	
Speak to ARC about lay memberships and how they are dealt with	SLF	Completed 16/3/20
Seek out INVOLVE rates document	CM	Completed 17/3/20
Organise training with Richard Stevens	CM	
Respond to applicant re OX69	SP	Approved 8/4/20