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QUEEN MARY ETHICS OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Quoracy

Due to the absence of a quorum, the meeting could not be formally opened and has been deferred.

Current Panel Membership

We have successfully recruited Professional Services staff members to each of our Panels. There is a continued recruitment drive from Humanities and Social Sciences and Science and Engineering faculties for both early career researchers and more experienced researchers to increase our ethics panel membership. More members mean a wider set of knowledge, greater diversity and strengthens impartiality and transparency.

Training - Ethics e-learning

We recently launched an eLearning course from Epigeum 'Conducting ethical research' available on both CPD and QM Plus. The course consists of 3 modules:

- Becoming an Ethical Researcher: This module gives a detailed overview of research ethics, from ethics principles and philosophies to applying these principles to various kinds of research.
- Research Ethics in Practice: This module provides a practical guide to applying ethical values to research and adapting these values to the specific research. It will help researchers reflect on how to work ethically in a variety of circumstances.
- Human research ethics at Queen Mary University of London: This module provides researchers with practical information about the ethics approval process at Queen Mary and where to access guidance and resources.

Metrics for 1 September 2025 to 31 October 2025

The report provides a summary of the applications for QMERC ethics approval received and approved between **1 September 2025 to 31 October 2025.**

	Received	Approved
Panel review applications	7	6
*Low risk applications	38	30
QMERC applications	0	0
Amendment applications	33	35
Block (Generic) applications	0	0
DSREC set up applications	0	0
DSREC renewal applications	0	0
Total	78	75

* This number only represents applications reviewed by the research ethics facilitators, applications reviewed by DSREC are reported separately.

Metrics for DSREC applications 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025

This report below provides a summary of activity of the devolved school research ethics committees for which QMERC has oversight for the period 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025. The DSRECs are delegated by QMERC to review low-risk applications within that specific School or Department, covering either all or specific groups of researchers, (i.e. staff, post-graduate research, post-graduate taught and undergraduate students). DSRECs coordinate the review and approval of all low-risk applications submitted for DSREC review, including all requests to amend and extend existing approved applications.

DSREC	Applications		Amendments
	Received	Approved	
Electronic Engineering & Computer Science	156	110	20
Geography	41	29	0
Global Public Health	19	18	11
History	24	16	0
** Involvement and Engagement Research (IER)	-	-	-
Institute of Health Sciences Education (IHSE)	49	48	0
Language, Linguistics and Film	26	25	0
Psychology	83	82	20
Sports and Exercise Medicine	24	16	4
School of Business and Management (Staff & PGR)	61	49	0
**School of Business and Management (UG&PGT)	418	333	0
School of Politics and International Relations	8	7	6
Trauma Science	7	7	0
Total	916	740	61

**IER is a new DSREC applications are expected from academic year 2025/2026

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