Example flowchart of ethics review process

Is this research?
(See glossary)

Yes

No

Does the proposal address subject of ethics?

Professional codes of practice still apply

Yes

No

Principal investigator to complete ethical information section on proposal

Does it involve more than minimal risk?

Yes

No

Light-touch review

Does the research involve NHS patients, records, equipment, premises or vulnerable people under the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000?

No

Yes

Review by a 'recognised' REC operating under the GAfREC

Are there Ethics Protocols for handling this research situation that are appropriate to current research?

No

Yes

Light-touch review

Submit application to appropriate REC for full review

Are there possible conflicts of interest or an appeal?

Yes

Review by organisation REC