

IASR Ethics Panel:

Quick guide for reviewers

Reviewer process

Reviewers are the bedrock of the IASR ethics panel. It is your role as a reviewer to ensure the **integrity of the research**, assessing the degree to which applicants surface **ethics dilemmas** in relation to **all participant groups** and what steps are proposed to address them.

The purpose of ethics review

About the data

- ◁ What measures have been taken to ensure anonymity or anonymisation, confidentiality and security of personal information concerning research participants? Are these appropriate to the research? Are these realistic?
- ◁ Who will have access to the data and how will they be stored? How will data be backed up?
- ◁ How long will data/recordings/samples be retained? Does this take account of any intended future use?
- ◁ Are there any implications for UK Data Protection Law?

About supporting documentation

- ◁ Are relevant supporting documents included? (e.g. information sheets, consent forms, privacy notice, support and complaints sheets and draft research materials)
- ◁ Are materials for participants clear and free from technical terms, jargon and abbreviations as far as possible?
- ◁ Are the materials appropriate for the intended audience (e Are t

- ◁ Are the dignity, rights, safety and well-being of participants considered?
Will the researcher be safe? Is there a procedure in place for risks to the researcher?
- ◁ Are there any obvious gaps, ambiguities or uncertainties in how the research will be carried out?

Decisions

Reviewers can recommend the following: