



# Health Research Authority

## London - Queen Square Research Ethics Committee

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Dear Dr Joshi

<b>Title of the Database:</b>	<b>National COVID-19 Chest Imaging Database (NCCID) v1.0</b>
<b>REC reference:</b>	<b>20/LO/0688</b>
<b>IRAS project ID:</b>	<b>282365</b>

The Research Ethics Committee reviewed the above application at the meeting held on 16 April 2020. The committee would like to thank Mr Dominic Cushnan for attending to discuss the application.

We will publish your research summary for the above study on the research summaries section of our website, together with your contact details, no earlier than three months from the date of this favourable opinion letter. Should you wish to provide a substitute contact point, make a request to defer, or require further information, please visit:

<https://www.hra.nhs.uk/planning-and-improving-research/application-summaries/research-summaries/>

### Ethical opinion

The members of the Committee present gave a favourable ethical opinion of the above research database on the basis described in the application form and supporting documentation, subject to the conditions specified below.

The committee would like to recommend the following

- 1) While the committee are willing to approve the study at this time, out of a desire to facilitate research in the current situation, they recommend that an amendment should be submitted to detail these linkages (databases) when they are known.
- 2) The REC recommend that sharing of confidential patient information with other

databases is within the scope of the COPI notices issued by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

### **Research governance**

Under the UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research, there is no requirement for NHS research permission for the establishment of research databases in the NHS.

Applications to NHS R&D offices through IRAS are not required as all NHS organisations are expected to have included management review in the process of establishing the database.

Research permission is also not required by collaborators at data collection centres (DCCs) who provide data under the terms of a supply agreement between the organisation and the database. DCCs are not research sites for the purposes of the RGF.

Database managers are advised to provide R&D offices at all DCCs with a copy of the REC application for information, together with a copy of the favourable opinion letter when available. All DCCs should be listed in Part C of the REC application.

NHS researchers undertaking specific research projects using data supplied by a database must apply for permission to R&D offices at all organisations where the research is conducted, whether or not the database has ethical approval.

Assessment of site suitability is not a requirement for ethical review of research databases.

### **Duration of ethical opinion**

The favourable opinion is given for a period of five years from the date of this letter provided that you comply with the standard conditions of ethical approval for Research Databases set out in the attached document. You are advised to study the conditions carefully. The opinion may be renewed for a further period of up to five years on receipt of a fresh application. It is suggested that the fresh application is made 3-6 months before the 5 years expires, to ensure continuous approval for the research database.

### **Approved documents**

The documents reviewed and approved at the meeting were:

<i>Document</i>	<i>Version</i>	<i>Date</i>
Covering letter on headed paper [Covering Letter]	v1.0	09 April 2020
IRAS Checklist XML [Checklist_14042020]		14 April 2020
Other [Covid-19 COPI Notice]		20 March 2020
Other [Data Protection Registration RSCH]	v1.0	31 March 2020
Other [Data Protection Registration NHSE]	v1.0	31 March 2020
Protocol for management of the database [Management protocol for NCCID]	v1.0	09 April 2020
REC Application Form [RD_Form_14042020]		14 April 2020

Summary of research programme(s) [Summary of research programme]	v1.0	09 April 2020
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### Membership of the Committee

The members of the Ethics Committee who were present at the meeting are listed on the attached sheet.

### Statement of compliance

The Committee is constituted in accordance with the Governance Arrangements for Research Ethics Committees and complies fully with the Standard Operating Procedures for Research Ethics Committees in the UK.

### After ethical review: Reporting requirements

The attached standard conditions give detailed guidance on reporting requirements for research tissue banks with a favourable opinion, including:

- Notifying substantial amendments
- Submitting Annual Progress reports

The latest guidance on these topics can be found at

<https://www.hra.nhs.uk/approvals-amendments/managing-your-approval/>.

### User Feedback

The Health Research Authority is continually striving to provide a high quality service to all applicants and sponsors. You are invited to give your view of the service you have received and the application procedure. If you wish to make your views known please use the feedback form available on the HRA website:

<http://www.hra.nhs.uk/about-the-hra/governance/quality-assurance/>

### HRA Learning

We are pleased to welcome researchers and research staff to our HRA Learning Events and online learning opportunities– see details at:

<https://www.hra.nhs.uk/planning-and-improving-research/learning/>

**IRAS project ID: 282365**

**Please quote this number on all correspondence**

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of



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Enclosures: List of names and professions of members who were present at the meeting and those who submitted written comments

(RD) Conditions of Approval

Copy to: Prof Stephen H Powis, NHS England

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**Attendance at Committee meeting on 16 April 2020**

**Committee Members:**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Profession</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Mrs Maria Brezitski	Senior Clinical Research Nurse	No	
Miss Briony Brock	Student/Nanny	Yes	
Dr David Collier	Business development manager (health)	Yes	
Ms Lisa Marie Doherty	Oncology Advanced Nurse Practitioner	Yes	
Dr Ciaran Scott Hill	Neurosurgery Speciality Registrar	No	
Ms Eleanor Rose Lees-Millais	Clinical Standards Administration	No	
Mrs Karen Mitchell	Out of County Independent Reviewing Officer	Yes	
Ms Katherine Nuttall	Senior Clinical Research Scientist & Data Manager	Yes	
Ms Karen Sanders	Senior Lecturer Nursing, Health Care Ethics & Law	Yes	
Mr Stephan Smith	Professional Development in Healthcare	No	
Miss Rosalyn Stanbury	Ophthalmologist (Retired)	Yes	
Dr Eamonn Walsh (Chair)	Senior Lecturer and Programme Lead for MSc Neuroscience	Yes	
Ms Danielle Wilson	Clinical Research Operational Manager	Yes	

**Also in attendance:**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position (or reason for attending)</i>
Katherine Ashley	Approvals Specialist
Beth Howden	Approvals Office