

Reciprocal approval of externally approved projects

If your project is being reviewed by an Ethics Committee external to the University, other than NHS REC, before being submitted to FHMREC, please contact the [FHM Research Ethics Office](#) who will be able to advise you on the appropriate procedure.

You should note that:

- It is a requirement that you clearly state in the documentation submitted to the external REC that the project is being carried out as part a Lancaster University PhD. A statement such as *“this research is being conducted as part of my PhD studies at Lancaster University UK”* should be included in the project protocol and participant materials (participant information sheet and/or recruitment emails).
- Whilst it is preferable, it is not a requirement that the *Lancaster University logo* is also included in the participant materials for externally approved projects.
- Where projects have received external ethical approval, the documentation which has been reviewed by the external REC should be submitted to FHMREC in the first instance – there is no requirement to additionally complete and submit the FHMREC documentation. This helps to avoid additional work, and also ensures that the documents being reviewed by FHMREC Chair’s action are those which have already been granted ethical approval by the external body. The Chair/Deputy Chair of the FHMREC *may* then request further information if they feel that the submitted documentation isn’t sufficient for FHMREC review purposes.