

Lauren Armstrong

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Dear Lauren,

Study Title: Responding to stigma: Development of a new questionnaire

Study Reference:HR-16/17-4721

I am pleased to inform you that full approval for your project has been granted by the PNM Research Ethics Subcommittee .

For your information, ethical approval has been granted for 3 years from 28 June 2017. If you need approval beyond this point, you will need to apply for an extension at least two weeks before this. You will be required to explain the reasons for the extension. However, you will not need to submit a full re-application unless the protocol has changed.

Ethical approval is required to cover the data-collection phase of the study. This will be until the date specified in this letter. However, you do not need ethical approval to cover subsequent data analysis or publication of the results. For secondary data-analysis, ethical approval is applicable to the data that is sensitive or identifies participants.

Please ensure that you follow the guidelines for good research practice as laid out in UKRIO's Code of Practice for research:

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/innovation/research/support/conduct/cop/index.aspx>

Please note you are required to adhere to all research data/records management and storage procedures agreed to as part of your application. This will be expected even after the completion of the study.

If you do not start the project within three months of this letter, please contact the Research Ethics Office.

Please note that you will be required to obtain approval to modify the study. This also encompasses extensions to periods of approval. Please refer to the URL below for further guidance about the process:

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/innovation/research/support/ethics/applications/modifications.aspx>

Please would you also note that we may, for the purposes of audit, contact you from time to time to ascertain the status of your research.

If you have any query about any aspect of this ethical approval, please contact the Research Ethics Office:

(<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/innovation/research/support/ethics/contact.aspx>)

We wish you every success with this work.

Yours sincerely,

Mr James Patterson  
Senior Research Ethics Officer

**For and on behalf of**

Dr Jane Petty, Chair of the PNM Research Ethics Subcommittee