Workshop on Ethics & Governance and Social Care Research

17 SEPTEMBER 2012
10.45 – 16.00

Venue: Room 231/2, George Eliot Building, University of Coventry

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PROGRAMME

Speakers:
Mark Sheehan, University of Oxford
Barbara Cuddon, Coordinator of Social Care REC
Deborah Rutter, Research Analyst, SCIE
John Woolham, Coventry University
Bridget Penhale, University of East Anglia
Kezia Scales, University of Nottingham
Soazig Clifton, NatCen

10.45 Arrival and refreshments

11.00 Welcome and introduction to the day (Chair)

11.10 Why should social care research be subject to ethical review? – Mark Sheehan

This session will provide an introduction to the main arguments for subjecting research to ethical review, will draw out the main ethical considerations that follow from these arguments, and will consider how social care research presents particular challenges for addressing these considerations in practice.

11.35 What research ethics committees do – Deborah Rutter

This session will cover what ethics committees do, what they look for in applications, the history of SCREC, and its perspective on what makes for good applications for approval. It will cover such issues as information and consent, and associated documentation, recruiting people, imposing least burden on people, additional support/debriefing for participants, social inclusion in research and confidentiality.
12.10 Research governance and ethics for adult social care research in England – issues and challenges – John Woolham

In this session John will draw on his recent review paper for the NIHR School for Social Care Research on research governance and ethics in social care research, and critically examine issues and challenges in research governance in social care research.

12.45 Lunch

13.30 Obtaining ethics committee approval – Barbara Cuddon

Barbara will examine administrative issues for obtaining ethical approval in social care research including what needs approval in social care studies (research, evaluation, audit, LA consultations and surveys), the remit of SREC remit (AND student research) should be discussed here, application processes (including IRAS), timelines and deadlines, outcomes of Committee review, and reference to research governance in four or more Local Authorities.

14.00 Mental Capacity Act 2005 – Bridget Penhale

This session will specifically focus on the requirements and implications for social care research of the Mental Capacity Act and applications for ethical approval for projects covering situations where people may lack capacity to consent.

14.30 Ethical issues during the research (1) Qualitative Research – Kezia Scales

15.00 Ethical issues during the research (2) Quantitative Research – Soazig Clifton

In these two sessions very experienced researchers will talk about their experiences of the realities and challenges of managing ethical issues during the course of their research.

15.30 Conclusion and close