



## 5. Ethical guidelines

### How can we ensure our work meets ethical guidance?

Source	Description	URL
Department of Health Research Governance Framework for Health and Social Care	This document sets out a framework for the governance of research in health and social care. The standards in this framework apply to all research which relates to the responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Health – that is research concerned with the protection and promotion of public health, research undertaken in or by the Department of Health, its non-Departmental Public Bodies and the NHS, and research undertaken by or within social care services that might have an impact on the quality of those services. This includes clinical and non-clinical research, research undertaken by NHS staff using NHS resources, and research undertaken by industry, the charities, the research councils and universities within the health and social care systems.	<a href="http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4008777">http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4008777</a>
Social Research Association	The ethical research guidelines of the Social Research Association.	<a href="http://www.the-sra.org.uk/ethical.htm">http://www.the-sra.org.uk/ethical.htm</a>
Governance Arrangements for NHS Research Ethics Committees	This document provides a standards framework for the process of review of the ethics of all proposals for research in the NHS and Social Care. It sets out general standards and principles for an accountable system of Research Ethics Committees throughout the NHS. It should be read in conjunction with the Research Governance Framework for Health and Social Care.	<a href="http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4005727">http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4005727</a>
NHS National Research Ethics Service	Website of the NHS national research Ethics Service.	<a href="http://www.nres.npsa.nhs.uk/">http://www.nres.npsa.nhs.uk/</a>