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**CONDITIONS APPLYING TO STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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Where a research study is being undertaken as an educational project, i.e., in fulfilment of a thesis requirement of an academic institution's degree programme, the Trust imposes additional conditions on the management of the work.

- 1) In all cases, the academic institution which will award the degree, must act as sponsor of the project.
- 2) All correspondence, e.g., PIS, consent forms, etc. should be presented on the sponsoring university's letterhead. Even if the student is employed by the Trust, the University's letterhead should be used.
- 3) For student projects in pursuit of a degree below the doctoral level,
  - a) The student's academic supervisor must act as Chief Investigator of project - and be identified as such in the Research Ethics Committee application
  - b) We will only authorised research projects of those students who are substantive employees of East London NHS Foundation Trust
  - c) Only in very exceptional circumstances will undergraduate students be authorised to conduct research activities, and we would expect the scope of the project not exceed a single ward / unit / team and not to pose exceptional demands on staff time. Normally such students should consider conducting literature reviews, service evaluations, etc. to fulfil their degree requirements.