UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX
SOCIAL CARE RESEARCH FLOWCHART

1. Research involves Social Care practitioners, Social Care clients and / or Resources.

2. Research involves NHS patients, staff or facilities.

Check whether you still need to apply for ethical review for your project.

3. Research is DH funded AND / OR involves people lacking capacity to consent under the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

NO

YES

Apply to NRES REC through IRAS:
https://www.myresearchproject.org.uk/

NO

YES

Apply to SCREC through IRAS:
https://www.myresearchproject.org.uk/

4. Apply to your School’s C-REC using US ethics application form and apply for other necessary permissions (e.g. CRB check).

NO

YES

Apply to your Local Authority with Responsibility for Providing Social Services (or the LA that will be lead organisation in your research) for research governance approval.

5. Does your research involve a service user, their relatives, carer or a member of staff under the auspices of a Local Authority?

NO

YES

Does your research involve four or more local authorities?

NO

YES

Ethical review process is complete once you have C-REC approval.

Notify your C-REC of any changes to your proposal requested by the Local Authority.

Apply for approval from Association of Directors of Adult Social Services:
http://www.adass.org.uk/