

Guidelines: Seeking ethical review

Most research projects carried out at the University of Cambridge will involve no ethical issues, whereas some will raise significant ethical questions. All researchers should consider whether their research will raise ethical issues and in cases of doubt should, in the first instance, seek advice at a local level:

- **Where the researcher is an undergraduate or postgraduate student:** the project should be submitted to the student's supervisor or mentor for advice.
- **Where the researcher is a University employee, or any other person conducting research on University premises:** advice should be sought from the local ethics committee/contact or Head of the Department in which the research will be carried out.

In many cases advice and, where necessary, review will be able to be provided locally. Where this is not possible, local ethics committees/contacts or the Head of Department will be able to advise researchers on how to proceed. The following flowchart, however, provides guidelines on where to seek ethical review, to supplement local expertise.



