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Subject: HREC Review of Application 2021/373: Exempt from Ethics Review

22 February 2023

Dear Professor Cooper,

Ethics Protocol Number: 2021/373
Project Title: The National Placement Evaluation Centre [NPEC] (Australia)

The Chairperson of the University of Wollongong and Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC), Professor Mirella Dottori, reviewed the following documents in response to your request to exempt the above activity from HREC review:

- NPEC Protocol 13.12.22
- Placement Evaluation Tool (PET) - Midwifery Students

This correspondence is to confirm that the proposed activity does not meet the NHMRC *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research* definition of research and is consistent with the NHMRC guidance contained in *Ethical Considerations in Quality Assurance and Evaluation Activities*. The activity is considered by the Chairperson to be a quality assurance project and therefore exempt from ethical review.

If you have any queries regarding the HREC review process please contact the Ethics Unit on 02 4221 3386 or email uow-humanethics@uow.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,

Mirella Dottori

Professor Mirella Dottori,
Chair, UOW & ISLHD Health and Medical Human Research Ethics Committee

The University of Wollongong and Illawarra and Shoalhaven Local Health District Health and Medical HREC is constituted and functions in accordance with the NHMRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research. The processes used by this HREC to review multi-centre research proposals have been certified by the National Health and Medical Research Council.
