

Dear Dr Jools Kasmire,

Thank you for submitting your application for review to Proportionate UREC on 05/03/2024 14:00 entitled: Coding in public: recognising vulnerability as a barrier to reproducibility ; 2024-19144-33538

Before ethical approval can be granted, the Chair of the Committee requires that your application is revised according to the following points:

Question Specific Comments

| Title | Comment |
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| A7 Who will act as the research governance sponsor? | <p>It is unusual that UoM is not the sponsor for a study of this type.</p> <p>The sponsor is the organisation that is responsible for oversight of the project and ultimately takes responsibility for the conduct of all those involved, ensuring they adhere to any legislation or other statutory requirements.</p> <p>Another way to look at this is, who is the project being conducted in the name of/who will be listed as the main organiser or affiliation on any outputs?</p> |
| Prop.13 Please attach a copy of your UK GDPR compliant participant information sheet(s)/script/summary of information page. | <p>The PIS remains non-UK GDPR compliant. You are missing the Privacy notice, the legal basis for collection and many other things. Please revisit the template and ensure all information related to data collection, storage, retention and destroying the data is included.</p> <p>The contact section at the end of the document is also missing.</p> |

IMPORTANT: To ensure your application resubmits successfully please ensure you are working on the latest version of the form by following any prompts at the top of the page to update the project.

Please revise the responses in your ERM application based on the points raised by the Chair, providing any additional information or clarity as needed. To do this, please navigate to the response you wish to modify and adjust the text or answer accordingly. The system will automatically track any changes you make and highlight these to the Chair.

Please also ensure you **highlight any changes made in your supporting documentation** (such as participant information sheets, consent forms, advertisements, etc) and upload the revised copies with updated versions numbers and dates (as well as remove the older versions) to ensure the Chair can review your revisions quickly.

Please note that you can see the comments made by the Committee by clicking on the speech bubble next to each question in the application form or by clicking on the 'Panel Comments' or 'Form Comments' action buttons.

To provide additional clarity for the Chair, please also upload a copy of this letter in which you address each comment listed above and provide details as to specifically what changes have been made and where these are located. You can do this by either modifying the PDF letter or copying and pasting the text of the letter into a new document which includes your responses.

Please remember that the Committee is comprised of members from all Faculties who must review your project as if they were participants who have no knowledge of your research field. They therefore must ensure that all your responses in the application form and text in the supporting documentation are clear, detailed, and in lay language. They may also ask what appear to be naive or challenging questions but these will be phrased in a polite and courteous manner. It is therefore expected that your response letter also remains polite and courteous throughout.

If you would like to see a word document template of this as well as examples of appropriate responses to comments made by the Committee, [please click here](#).

Please ensure this letter is uploaded in the 'Additional Documents' question at the end of the application form.

Please note, failure to attach a covering letter will, unfortunately, mean that the Chair is unable to review your revised application, which will be returned to you in the ERM system.

Once you have finished revising all responses and attach all updated documents, please re-sign your form in the ERM system or re-request the appropriate signature.

I would be grateful if you could complete the above within 5 working days of the date of this email if at all possible. We will be happy to allow you more time to complete the revisions, but need a time-scale for doing this. If you have any queries on the content of this letter, please feel free to contact me using the email address below.

Please note that the Committee is only able to grant extensions for the completion of revisions up to **3 months past the date of initial review**. Should revisions not be submitted within this 3 month period, the application will need to be withdrawn and submitted as a new ethics application.

Best wishes,

Proportionate UREC

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Please note our aim is to ensure transparent, professional and proportionate ethical review of research with consistent outcomes. Therefore should you wish to formally appeal the decision which has been made by the Committee, please see our [Complaints and Appeals](#) procedure.