Revisions to Ethics Applications

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| **Question Specific Comments** | **Applicant’s Response** |
| A7 Who will act as the research  governance sponsor?  It is unusual that UoM is not the sponsor for a study of this type.  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.  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? | According to this definition, the UK Data Service should be the sponsor. This research is being conducted in the name of the UK Data Service and the UK Data Service will be listed as the main organiser or affiliation on the outputs.  I don’t know why the ethics application gives the option to list a non-UoM sponsor if this is so unusual.  I don’t know what about this study makes it unusual for another organisation to be the sponsor. But the definition given here means that the UK Data Service is definitely the sponsor. |
| Prop.13 Please attach a copy of your  UK GDPR compliant participant  information sheet(s)/script/summary of  information page.  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.  The contact section at the end of the document is also missing. | I have revisited the template (and possibly found a newer version of the template). I believe it now has the Privacy notice, the legal basis for collection, the info related to data collection, storage, retention, and destruction as well as the contact details at the end.  As a side note, the template is extremely hard to work with and very unclear. If there are any plans to revamp the ethics process in the future, the information from the application could be used to automatically populate a custom PIS and Consent form. This would avoid any copy/paste errors from trying to use an unwieldy and/or outdated template and would avoid any errors or mismatch between the application and the forms. |