

# National Research Ethics Service

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Dear Dr Roland

**Study title:** An evaluation of the Paediatric Observation Priority Score in predicting appropriate admission and safe discharge from a Children's Emergency Department.  
**REC reference:** 11/EM/0351

The Proportionate Review Sub-committee of the NRES Committee East Midlands - Nottingham 2 Research Ethics Committee reviewed the above application on 26 September 2011.

## Ethical opinion

- The committee noted that in the IRAS application form section A6-2 it states that data collection is in keeping with the Caldicott Principles and has been confirmed by the Ethics and Confidentiality Committee of the NIGB that section 251 Support is not required, as no new data, technique or intervention is being utilised as part of this study so specific patient consent is not being requested. The committee agreed that this was satisfactory.*

On behalf of the Committee, the sub-committee gave a favourable ethical opinion of the above research on the basis described in the application form, protocol and supporting documentation, subject to the conditions specified below.

## Ethical review of research sites

The favourable opinion applies to all NHS sites taking part in the study, subject to management permission being obtained from the NHS/HSC R&D office prior to the start of the study (see "Conditions of the favourable opinion" below).

## Conditions of the favourable opinion

The favourable opinion is subject to the following conditions being met prior to the start of the study.

Management permission or approval must be obtained from each host organisation prior to the start of the study at the site concerned.