

11 June 2012

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Dear Anna

Re: Ethics ref: **NTX/12/EXP/123** (please quote in all correspondence)
Study title: Assessing the impact of a gerontology nurse specialist role in the primary care setting: healthcare utilisation
Investigators: Dr Anna King (Principal), Dr Michal Boyd

Thank you for your application received 6 June 2012.

The above study has been given ethical approval by the Chairperson of the **Northern X Regional Ethics Committee** under delegated authority. The Chair has asked that the researchers take care to safeguard the confidentiality of the information.

This approval is valid until 30 October 2013, provided that Annual Progress Reports are submitted (see below).

Amendments and Protocol Deviations

All significant amendments to this proposal must receive prior approval from the Committee. Significant amendments include (but are not limited to) changes to:

- the researcher responsible for the conduct of the study at a study site
- the addition of an extra study site
- the design or duration of the study
- the method of recruitment

Significant deviations from the approved protocol must be reported to the Committee as soon as possible.

Annual Progress Reports and Final Reports

The first Annual Progress Report for this study is due to the Committee by **11 June 2013**. Please note that progress reports are the responsibility of the researcher and forms can be found on the website, www.ethicscommittees.health.govt.nz. (Website will change after July 2012 to www.ethics.health.govt.nz). Please provide report before due date to ensure ethical approval is continued.

A Final Report is also required at the conclusion of the study. The Final Report Form is also available at www.ethicscommittees.health.govt.nz.

Statement of compliance

The committee is constituted in accordance with its Terms of Reference. It complies with the [Operational Standard for Ethics Committees](#) and the principles of international good clinical practice.

The committee is approved by the Health Research Council's Ethics Committee for the purposes of section 25(1)(c) of the [Health Research Council Act 1990](#).

We wish you all the best with your study.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cheh'.

Cheh Chua(Ms)
Administrator
Northern X Regional Ethics Committee