



Research Ethics: Concerns or Complaints Process

We hope that you do not need to make a complaint about your ethical application or a study you are a participant in. If you do feel that this is necessary, the information below outlines the process involved.

Any concern about ethics or Research Integrity should go to the Faculty Research Integrity Lead (Dr Hilary Paniagua h.paniagua@wlv.ac.uk) as noted on the research integrity page

<https://www.wlv.ac.uk/research/research-policies-procedures--guidelines/research-integrity/>

Ethics Applications

If you have a complaint/appeal about the outcome of an ethics application or how your application was handled, this should be directed informally in the first instance to the Chair of the ethics committee involved. Chair information is below:

Education	Professor Diana Bannister	DianaBannister@wlv.ac.uk
Health	Dr Louise Bouic	L.Bouic@wlv.ac.uk
Psychology	Dr Danielle Mcfeeters	Mcfeetersd1@wlv.ac.uk
Social care/work	Dr Martin Partridge	M.Partridge@wlv.ac.uk
Sport	Professor Matt Wyon	M.Wyon@wlv.ac.uk

Ethical Misconduct

If your concern is not resolved or you feel that a study you are involved in is not demonstrating ethical integrity (ethical misconduct), this should be raised formally with the Chair of FERIC (Dr Hilary Paniagua) for investigation. If appropriate, this may be investigated further by Student Casework (student research), or by Research Misconduct and/or Disciplinary (for staff research, depending on the nature of the issue).

NB: It is important that you copy in your supervisors into any email, but it is not necessary to include anyone else.

For further details please see the [Handbook for Ethical Review & Approval 2025-2026](#) and www.wlv.ac.uk/ethics