

Locality Assessment by Ethics Committee

To be completed when there is no independent locality to carry out a locality assessment and to be submitted with the ethics application. Refer to pages 13–15 of Guidelines for Completion of the National Application Form for Ethical Approval of a Research Project (NAFG-2009-v1).

Full project title:

Short project title:

Principal investigator:

Other local investigators:

Contact details (if not already provided on the application form):

Ethics approval for study conduct at each site is conditional on favourable locality assessment. For the ethics committee to carry out an assessment, the following questions need to be fully answered by the principal investigator at each locality if more than one is involved in the study.

Locality issues

See the Guidelines (NAFG-2009-v1) for more information and examples. Identify any local issues and specify how they will be addressed.

1. **Suitability of local researcher**

For example, are all roles for the investigator(s) at the local site appropriate (for example, has any conflict the investigator might have between her or his local roles in research and in patient care been adequately resolved)?

2. **Suitability of the local research environment**

a) Are all the resources (other than funding that is conditional on ethical approval) and/or facilities that the study requires appropriate and available (for example, is staffing adequate? is this site accessible for mobility-impaired people where necessary)?

- b) Have all potentially affected managers of resources such as patient records or laboratory managers been notified?

- c) What are the specific issues relating to the local community? Are there any issues such as cultural issues as specific to this locality or to people being recruited at this locality?