



## APPLICATION FOR RESEARCH ETHICS APPROVAL

**Name:**

**Title of investigation:** *The NHS on Life Support: An investigation of privatised healthcare.*

Following consideration of your research proposal, the following statement should be noted:

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1.	<b>Approved</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Date:

To be attached to the front of the application and returned to the  
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### ETHICS APPROVAL PROPOSAL FORM

Please read the documents *Ethical Guidelines* and *Ethical Approval for Research* and discuss the possible ethical implications of your research project/work placement with your supervisor. *Note: for work placements this means your supervisor at Newman University, not at the work placement.*

If the research for your project/work placement raises ethical issues you must complete this form. The project/work placement must not be started until ethics approval has been given by the Subject Area or the Research Ethics Committee, and you have received the confirmation letter and certificate of approval.

***THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED IN INK  
AND GIVEN TO YOUR SUPERVISOR***

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**Module Code:** AHU601

**Subject Area or  
Programme:** Applied Humanities

**Research Project/Work Placement:** Research Project.

**Date this form submitted:** 17/01/2021

**Proposed starting date:** 15/03/2022

**Brief title of investigation:** *The NHS on Life Support: An investigation of privatised healthcare.*

**Aims/Purpose of the study:** The purpose of this interview is to outline the root causes which are challenging the NHS today. As the overarching theme of this project is to outline how the NHS has been privatised from the first occurrence during the 1980s. I will focus the

content of this interview on the 5 phases of privatisation within the NHS; however, I would also like to cover what this means for the NHS today, using the Health Care Bill 2021. Therefore, this project will reflect on how prior methods of privatisation has impacted the future of the NHS, showing in this amended Bill. The aim to deliver this content will be through a 20-40-minute interview.

**Proposed participants in research:** Dr. Allyson Pollock (Clinical Professor of Public Health).

**Brief description of procedure:** This procedure will consist of a [semi-structured interview](#) with Dr. Pollock, this provides qualitative data to reflect on. The main concepts which will be engaged with are the five areas of privatisation of the NHS, which are:

1. [The New Right and healthcare](#). This will highlight how the 'internal market' changed how NHS services was changed within the NHS.
2. [Kenneth Clarke's, NHS and Community Act 1989](#). This created further competition through the internal market, through purchasing and privatising land belonging to the NHS.
3. [NHS Plan: Alan Milburn 2000](#). This led to the introduction of the internal market when thinking about internal health departments such as radiology.
4. [The establishment of private NHS Trusts and Foundations](#). Highlighting how the internal market has led to privately owned hospitals which are subject to contracting bids.
5. [The Health and Social Care Bill 2012](#). This bill was under intense scrutiny due to the removal of statutory obligation of care. This suggested profit over patients when thinking about how healthcare is provided.

This information will be referred when elaborating on key concepts within the [Health Care Bill 2021](#) and the modern NHS is being impacted through privatisation, as well as developing an explanation to how this could impact us in the future.

The involvement of the participant is to get an experienced consultant's view, on how this is changing the NHS and what this means for the future of healthcare. The platform of this interview will take place remotely over Zoom, as this is the most convenient and accessible method for both parties.

**Evidence of how it has been established that the methodology proposed will produce sufficient data to draw meaningful conclusions:** *(give references to previous literature; explain how data will be generated, and procedures for analysing data)*

The aim of the interview is to support to create a well-balanced discussion around the privatisation of the NHS. Therefore, I will develop questions around this topic to highlight how privatisation may provide a financial benefit which supports the [NHS economically](#). However, I will also measure this against, how this will affect healthcare for those who are most vulnerable, and what this means for the Welfare State. As this directly impacts those within lower income families because further privatisation could lead to a loss of services in [theory](#), as "the overall impact of privatisation may be questionable for the health of a population". As a privatised structure would have to be supported by various organisations to make this feasible, as shown within [New Labours Bureaucracy](#), which shows how privatisations are within the NHS, although this model does not provide any accountability

from those companies within the NHS. Therefore, this model can only begin to draw a measure of how this system can function correctly.

This is also primary research on the work I plan to produce, therefore I will use this to analyse what I have already worked on and relate this to the subject matter. Therefore, I will find common areas of my thoughts on how healthcare is being privatised, as well as that of Dr. Pollock. I will do this through [Bain's five step reflective mode](#), the steps include:

- Reporting,
- Responding,
- Relating,
- Reasoning,
- Reconstructing.

This will allow me to meaningfully engage with what I have learned during this experience, as well as expanding on why this important to the future of healthcare within Britain.

**How will participants' informed consent be obtained for the study?** *(Please give details, including details of procedures involving parental or guardian consent.)*

The aim will be to get written consent, as I will explain the project and present examples of questioning which may be asked.

**Does the study involve any potential hazards or procedures which might cause distress or discomfort?** *(Indicate all that apply)*

Questionnaires touching on sensitive issues	YES	NO
Deception	YES	NO
Experimental procedure that might cause distress – even inadvertently	YES	NO
Designs involving stressful situations	YES	NO
Physical exertion beyond a participant's normal participation in physical activity	YES	NO
Possible breach of confidentiality	YES	NO
Invasion of privacy	YES	NO
Working with children	YES	NO
Working with vulnerable people	YES	NO
Insider research	YES	NO
Work involving animals	YES	NO
Other area where you think there may be ethical issues involved	YES	NO

Does this study involve potentially security sensitive material (such as material relating to terrorism and extremism)?	YES	NO
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If YES, please complete and attach with your application the following:  
Security-sensitive research Form 1 (General questions on

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security-sensitive material) and Security-sensitive research Form 2  
(Record of accessed and saved documents).

**What procedures will be used to address these issues?** (*E.g. debriefing, providing information/help, ensuring confidentiality is preserved. The Research Ethics Committee may ask to see copies of relevant documents.*)

- N/A

**Plan of work:** Aim to schedule an interview between March 15<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**I have read *Ethical Guidelines* and *Ethical Approval for Research*. I am satisfied that all ethical issues have been identified and that satisfactory procedures are in place to deal with those issues in this research.**

Signature:

Date: 17/01/2022