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To Whom It May Concern:

16th January 2017

Re: UK Medical Education Database (UKMED) Research

On the 11th November 2015, The Queen Mary Ethics of Research Committee viewed a generic proposal for research: this with regard to the analysis of data held by the UK Medical Education Database.

They noted confirmation received that this work both does not require NHS review; relates to the analysis of de-identified data that would be accessed under safe haven conditions, and that an annual report on agreed research could be provided for information.

As such, members agreed that they were prepared to give documentary confirmation that there was no need for ethical review of these potential research studies, as presented.

Additional Confirmation
It was noted (via Chair and Reviewer’s Action) on the 13th January 2017 that the inclusion of additional datasets – both confirmed and proposed - will not affect the assessment above. There continues to be no need for ethical review of these studies.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Elizabeth Hall – QMREC Chair.

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