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**SA DEPARTMENT FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**Plain language project summary**

* **Every study submitted to the DHW Human Research Ethics Committee must have a plain language project summary included.**
* **This summary will be used by all members but particularly the non-scientific members to support their review of your proposal.**
* **Consider having an independent, non-scientific person read this summary.**
* **Delete all prompts from final version.**
* **Please provide a summary of the project’s aims and methods, in plain language, in 400 words or less.**

To assist with writing the plain language summary, the UK’s [National Institute for Health Research](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/plain-english-summaries/27363) suggest including the following information where appropriate (these sub-headings are for guidance only):

#### Aim(s) of the research

* what are you aiming to find out?
* how will patients / carers / members of the public and services benefit from your research – either directly or in the longer term?

#### Background to the research

* why does this research need to be done now?
* what is the scale of the issue? For example:
	+ how many patients / members of the public are affected?
	+ what are the costs to services?
	+ What impact does this health issue have on the community, particularly with respect to health status, disability and/or death?
* Who is funding the research?

#### Design and methods used

* what design and methods have you chosen and why?
* who are your participants?
* what risks do you foresee in this research?

#### Patient and public involvement

* how have the public/patients been involved in developing this research to date?
* how will the public/patients be involved in the conduct and/or management of the research?

#### Dissemination

* how will the findings be communicated and to whom?