UWS Assessment Process for Research Projects involving Human Participants

**Stage 1 Research Merit and Integrity Assessment**

- **Project Proposal**
  - Funded Project? NO
  - Project carried out by HDR students? NO
  - Research merit and integrity assessed by Peer Review Committee
  - Merit and integrity approved? NO
  - Feedback to proposer
  - Merit and integrity approved? YES
  - Assess level of Risk

- **Peer Review Committee**
  - Note: All unfunded research involving Human Participants is reviewed for research merit & integrity and risk assessment, including Hons and UG projects.
  - Feedback to proposer

- **HREC Executive**
  - Negligible risk projects reviewed by Executive
  - Ethics Clearance Approved? NO
  - Ethics Clearance Approved? YES
  - Inform Proposer & HREC

- **Human Research Ethics Committee**
  - Assessment by HREC
  - Ethics Clearance Approved? NO
  - Ethics Clearance Approved? YES
  - Inform Proposer
  - Feedback to proposer

**Note:**
- Funded projects have been reviewed for Research Merit & Integrity through the funding process.
- HDR projects have been reviewed for Research Merit & Integrity through the confirmation of candidature.
- All unfunded research involving Human Participants is reviewed for research merit & integrity and risk assessment, including Hons and UG projects.
- Negligible risk projects reviewed by Executive.

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