What does good health and social care research look like?

The UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research sets out the principles of good practice in the management and conduct of health and social care research in the UK.

The Health Research Authority and health departments in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales developed the policy framework following public consultation.

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Good health and social care research is safe…

Good health and social care research is scientifically and ethically sound with the relevant approval.

It is legal, compliant and has relevant insurance and indemnities.

Good research involves the public, lets people choose whether to take part and respects privacy.

If it changes patients’ treatments or care: it is justified, it considers patients after the research has ended, details are recorded in a care record, and a duty of care remains with a health or social care professional.

Good research ensures integrity, quality and transparency with details of the planned research published and findings published too.

It is conducted by competent people weighing up benefits and risks and with a clear research proposal.

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