



I would be grateful if you could provide the following information relating to research governance for external research studies involving Children's Social Care.

1. Research Governance Procedure. Please provide:

- a. A copy of any policies, procedures, guidance documents, or process maps that outline your research governance procedure for external research studies involving Children's Social Care.
- b. Within these documents, or separately if necessary, please confirm who reviews and approves applications for external research studies involving children's social care (e.g., job titles, teams, panels).

2. Number of Children's Social Care Research Applications Involving Child Participants (last 5 years)

For the period 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2024 (or the most recent five-year period for which you hold data), please provide:

- a. The number of research governance applications received for external research studies where children were intended research participants within Children's Social Care.
- b. Of these, the **number of applications that involved children 11 years and younger. If you do not hold age data in this form, please state this.

3. Outcomes of Applications (last 5 years) For the same period, please provide:

- a. The number of applications approved for external research studies involving child participants within Children's Social Care.
- b. Of these approved applications, the **number that involved children 11 years and younger. If data is not held in this form, please state this.

4. Approval Timeframes (if held)

Please provide any recorded information you hold on the time taken to process research governance applications relating to Children's Social Care during the same five-year period, including (where available):

- the date the application was received, and
- the date the application was approved or declined.

Our research governance and associated procedures, policies and guidance are currently in development and an internal Research Governance panel is being established to review proposed research done by or involving Wigan Council and residents.