Changes to the HEAG ethics application process in MSPGH

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Earlier this year a review of MSPGH’s ‘Human Ethics Advisory Group’ (HEAG) was undertaken by the Human Research Ethics Committee. HEAG’s conduct technical and ethical reviews of all projects; provide feedback to researchers on their research; have delegated authority to approve Minimal Risk applications; and provide advice to the Human Ethics Sub-Committee. As a result of the recent review, a number of changes will be implemented with the aim to streamline current processes associated with the ethical and technical advice provided to researchers.

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