

8 April 2015

Professor Jane Scott  
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Dear Professor Scott,

**Re: (PIFI) Parent Infant Feeding Initiative: a study to enhance breastfeeding duration** (*Our ref No: 777*)

Thank you for forwarding the above "low risk" study for review by the St John of God Health Care (SJGHC) Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) ("the Committee").

I am pleased to advise that the Committee at its recent meeting on 8 April 2015, has granted ethical approval for the study based on an expedited review process, as per section 5.1.7 of the National Health and Medical Research Council's National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (NHMRC, 2007) ("the National Statement"). Please find attached signed and dated Committee membership list.

This study approval is inclusive of the following documentation:

1. PIFI Protocol Version 1 dated 25 August 2014
2. PIFI Participant Information Sheet Version 3 dated 4 November 2014
3. PIFI Participant Consent Form Version 1 dated 22 August 2014

This study approval is granted for a time frame from the date of this approval letter to 31 December 2017. Should an extension of this timeframe be required, then you must seek continued approval from the Committee *before* the expiry of this time period.

You are reminded that this letter constitutes *ethical approval only*. You must not commence this research study at SJGHC until separate authorisation in writing has been obtained.

The Committee is a HREC that is constituted and operates in accordance with the National Statement. In line with the National Statement requirements, researchers need to keep the Committee and the institution (ie the SJGHC hospitals involved in the study) promptly and regularly informed on the progress of the approved study including:

1. any unexpected outcomes that may affect continued ethical approval.
2. any proposed changes in the study protocol.
3. when the study is completed or abandoned.

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The Committee and the participating site would also appreciate receiving *at a minimum* an *annual* study progress report as well as a final study report and any subsequent publications.

I wish you well with your research.

Yours sincerely



Clinical Professor Dr Simon Dimmitt  
**Chairman**  
**St John of God Health Care Human Research Ethics Committee**

**Enc.**

cc. Mrs Anita Jorgensen, Project Manager PIFI, School of Public Health, Curtin University  
cc. Ms Helen McAllister, Deputy Director Obs, Gynae & Newborn Services, SJG Subiaco Hospital (via email)  
cc. Mr Adam Coleman, Director of Nursing, SJG Murdoch Hospital  
cc. Ms Chris Hanna, CEO, SJG Mt Lawley Hospital

**ST JOHN OF GOD HEALTH CARE HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS  
COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

NAME	CORE MEMBER	SEX	APPOINTMENT	POSITION
Clinical Professor Simon Dimmitt	Core	M	Chair (with suitable experience whose other responsibilities will not impair the HREC's capacity to carry out its obligations under the National Statement).	Consultant Physician, General & Cardiovascular Medicine (accredited to St John of God Health Care)
Ms Tracey Piani	Core	F	Member with knowledge of and current experience in the professional care, counselling or treatment of humans (ie medical practitioner, clinical psychologist, social worker, nurse as appropriate)	Nurse; Clinical Leadership Coordinator, St John of God Hospital Subiaco
Fr Joe Parkinson	Core	M	Member who performs a pastoral care role in a community for example an Aboriginal Elder, a minister of religion	Minister of Religion; Bioethicist, Director L. J. Goody Bioethics Centre
Mr Peter Quinlan	Core	M	Member who is a lawyer, and where possible who is not engaged to advise the institution	Barrister; Francis Burt Chambers, Perth WA
Dr Janie Brown	Core	F	Member with current research experience that is relevant to research proposals to be considered at the meetings.	Nursing and Midwifery Research Coordinator, St John of God Subiaco Hospital
Sr Leonie O'Brien	Core	F	Laywoman who has no affiliation with the institution and does not currently engage in medical, scientific, legal or academic work.	Mercy Sister
Professor Sally Sandover	Core	F	Member with current research experience that is relevant to research proposals to be considered at the meetings.	Academic Co-ordinator Carrick Support Initiative, UWA Co-ordinator Regional Programs & PBL Consultant, University of WA
Mr Hamish Milne	Core	M	Layman who has no affiliation with the institution and does not currently engage in medical, scientific, legal or academic work	Director Diocesan Services Anglican Diocese of Perth
Mr Patrick O'Connor		M	Community member with expert knowledge in clinical psychology	Senior Clinical Psychologist, Health Dept WA (mental health services) and Clinical Psychologist, Hillarys Medical Centre
Mr Jeffrey Williams		M	Hospital Representative. Expert knowledge in Quality and Risk Management, public hospital management.	Director of Nursing, St John of God Midland Public & Private Hospitals
Mr Colin Keogh		M	Hospital Representative. Expert knowledge in Mission and culture.	Director of Mission, St John of God Hospital Murdoch
Ms Mary Rigby		F	Hospital Representative. Expert knowledge in nursing, particularly in palliative care & oncology.	Ward Nurse Manager, St John of God Subiaco Hospital

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**Date of Ethics Committee Meeting: 8 April 2015 Chairman's Signature:**

