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Rebecca Deans

Attn: Kimberly Nguyen

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Dear Dr Deans

HREC ref no: 17/348 (HREC/18/POWH/126)

Project title: Effect of the first laparoscopy in an adolescent and young adult female

population and its association with chronic pelvic pain

Thank you for submitting the above application for ethical and scientific review and for your correspondence dated **22 March 2018** to the Executive Officer responding to questions which arose at the Executive Committee meeting on **22 March 2018**. Authority to grant final approval was delegated to the Executive Officer. I am pleased to advise that that the proposal meets the requirements of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct of Human Research and ethics approval has been given for the following:

- HREA submission AU/1/F1C2311 dated 01 Dec 2017
- Protocol version 2 dated 16 Feb 2018
- Participant Information Sheet & Consent Form version 3 dated 22 Mar 2018
- Appendix 1, Interview CRF version 1 dated 30 Nov 2017

Ethics approval is valid for the following site(s):

The Royal Hospital for Women

Conditions of approval

- 1. This approval is valid for 5 years from the date of this letter.
- 2. Annual reports must be provided on the anniversary of approval.
- 3. A final report must be provided at the completion of the project.
- 4. Proposed changes to the research protocol, conduct of the research, or length of approval will be provided to the Committee.

Prince of Wales Hospital Community Health Services Barker Street Randwick NSW 2031 5. The Principal Investigator will immediately report matters which might warrant review of ethical approval, including unforeseen events which might affect the ethical acceptability of the project and any complaints made by study participants.

For Public Health Sites: You are reminded that this letter constitutes ethics approval only. You must not commence this research project until you have submitted your Site Specific Assessment (SSA) to the Research Governance Officer of the appropriate institution and have received a letter of authorisation from the General Manager or Chief Executive of that institution.

Should you have any queries, please contact the Research Support Office on (02) 9382 3587. The HREC Terms of Reference, Standard Operating Procedures, membership and standard forms are available from the Research Support Office website: http://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/POWH/researchsupport/default.asp.

Please quote 17/348 in all correspondence.

We wish you every success in your research.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Bohlken

Executive Officer, Human Research Ethics Committee

This HREC is constituted and operates in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC) National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007), NHMRC and Universities Australia Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007) and the CPMP/ICH Note for Guidance on Good Clinical Practice.