Thank you for agreeing to take part in this survey.

This survey is part of a larger British Academy funded project evaluating ethical guidance and the role of ethics committees in the UK during the COVID-19 pandemic. The project's leads are Professor David Archard (d.archard@qub.ac.uk) and Professor Emma Cave (emma.cave@durham.ac.uk).

Through this survey, we aim to document the vital support clinical ethics support services provide, and the factors that help and hinder their operation. At the end of the project, we will offer recommendations as to the best and most appropriate role of the ethics committees interpreting, supporting, and implementing guidance produced at national levels and by professional bodies. Results from this questionnaire will be published in relevant academic journals and the co-investigators’ web pages.

Please complete the survey as soon as possible so that we can analyze and share the results. The survey will close on 7th December 2020.

Throughout the survey, “Clinical Ethics Support Services” (CESS) include any formal or informal provision of advice to health care workers on ethical issues related to care provision in their clinical practice (Slowther A (2001) Clinical ethics support in the UK: a review of the current position and likely development. Research report. Nuffield Trust.).

The questionnaire will take 10 minutes to complete.

No questions are compulsory and you can exit the survey at any point. However, once submitted you would not be able to withdraw any responses – if you wish to delete your responses before exiting the survey, please backtrack through the survey to do so.

The project has been approved by Queen's University Belfast, School of HAPR Research Ethics Committee. The list of people requested to complete the questionnaire will be destroyed at the end of the project (13/7/21).

Thank you very much for taking part.

1. I give consent for the use of anonymised quotes in reports of the survey results
   - Yes
   - No

2. Did your centre have an established Clinical Ethics Support Service previous to the pandemic?
   - Yes
   - No
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3. If yes, what form/s did it take before the pandemic?

- Clinical Ethics Committee
- Ethics Consultant(s)
- Facilitation of Moral case deliberation

Other, please specify

4. Did your established CESS provision change during the pandemic?

- Yes
- No

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5. If yes, changes included (please check all that apply)

- Increasing the frequency of CESS meetings or a sub-group of its members
- Inclusion of a regular agenda item on COVID-19
- Special dedicated COVID-19 meetings
- Restricted agenda items

Other, please specify
6. If you did not have an established CESS before the pandemic, did your institution set up a CESS in response to the pandemic?

- No

Yes, please specify the month when the CESS was set up

7. If yes, what form did the CESS take?

- Clinical Ethics Committee
- Ethics Consultant(s)
- Facilitation of Moral case deliberation

Other, please specify

8. Does your CESS serve a Trust, a single hospital or multiple hospitals?

- A Trust
- A single hospital
- Multiple hospitals
- Other, please specify

Other, please specify
9. Considering the current membership from the CESS in your institution, how many of each of the below categories do integrate it?

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Other (i.e. lay member), please specify profession or interest

10. If your CESS includes a Chaplain or faith leader in its membership, please specify their religious denomination

- The CESS membership does not include Chaplain or Faith leader

Religious denomination (please specify)
11. What ethics support has been offered to your clinical staff facing challenging clinical situations during the COVID-19 pandemic? Please mark all that apply

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<td>Proactive ethics consultation on the ward</td>
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<td>Ethics meeting face to face/videoconference after referral</td>
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<td>Three wise people approach</td>
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Other (please specify)

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12. What other kinds of ethics support to your institution does the clinical ethics service provide (previous to and during the pandemic)?

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Other (please specify)
13. If your CESS provides moral distress support for staff, please describe how this is provided

- Our CESS does not provide moral distress support for staff

Yes, please describe

14. Does your CESS receive referrals about adult and/or children?

- Adult only
- Children only
- Both adult and paediatric patients

15. In relation to parent/patient/family members(s) involvement in the ethics discussions, please complete the following by checking all that apply

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<td>Parents/patients/ family members are invited to submit a statement</td>
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<td>Parents/patients/ family members are invited to attend and participate in the meeting, or part of it</td>
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<td>Parents/patients/ family members are informed about the ethics meeting outcome</td>
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16. What resources did/dose your CESS have?

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Other (please specify)

17. Did you use any national/professional ethical guidance during the pandemic?

☐ Yes

Yes, please provide details on which guideline(s) you used and if possible, an explanation on why you used these

18. Did your CESS develop your own local ethical guidance?

☐ No

☐ If yes, please provide further details

19. Did you form links with any regional or other local CESS prior to or during the pandemic? (referrals from other institutions, support in establishing CESS, collaborations)

☐ No

☐ Yes, please provide details
20. Where is your CESS/institution located?

- England
- Wales
- Scotland
- Northern Ireland
- n/a

21. Please identify your CESS name

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