

SCHEDULE 2

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO ETHICS COMMITTEES

Membership

- 3.—(1) An ethics committee shall consist of—
- (a) expert members; and
 - (b) lay members.
- (2) An ethics committee shall have no more than 18 members.
- (3) Subject to paragraph 7, the members of an ethics committee shall be appointed by the appointing authority.
- (4) A person shall not be eligible for appointment as a lay member of an ethics committee if, in the course of his employment or business, he—
- (a) provides medical, dental or nursing care, or
 - (b) conducts clinical research.
- (5) An appointing authority shall, in relation to an ethics committee, exercise their power under sub-paragraph (3) so as to ensure that—
- (a) at least one third of the total membership shall be lay members; and
 - (b) at least half of the lay members must be persons who are not, or who never have been—
 - (i) health care professionals,
 - (ii) persons involved in the conduct of clinical research, other than as a subject of such research, or
 - (iii) a chairman, member or director of—
 - (aa) a health service body, or
 - (bb) a body, other than a health service body, which provides health care.