27<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Dear Mrs. Katharine Sharpe

## **MVLS College Ethics Committee**

Project Title: Looked After Children - Access to Dental Services and Oral Health in Scotland:

a pathfinder national cross-sectoral record-linkage study

**Project No: 200120066** 

The College Ethics Committee has reviewed your application and has agreed that there is no objection on ethical grounds to the proposed study. They are happy therefore to approve the project, subject to the following conditions

- The research should be carried out only on the sites, and/or with the groups defined in the application.
- Any proposed changes in the protocol should be submitted for reassessment, except
  when it is necessary to change the protocol to eliminate hazard to the subjects or where
  the change involves only the administrative aspects of the project. The Ethics Committee
  should be informed of any such changes.
- If the study does not start within three years of the date of this letter, the project should be resubmitted.
- You should submit a short end of study report to the Ethics Committee within 3 months of completion.

Yours sincerely

Deputy Chair, MVLS College Ethics Committee