

**RECSAF 5.6 as adapted 31.8.18 constituted a significant change to RECSAF 2014 to reflect the Health Research Regulations which were enacted into Irish law on the 8 August 2018**

**Currently, the following RECS use the RECSAF 31.8.18: -**

- 1 Beacon Hospital
2. Bons Secours Health System
- 3 Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital
- 4 Children's Health Ireland
- 5 Connolly Hospital
6. Coombe Women's and Infant's University Hospital
7. Daughters of Charity Services for Intellectual Disability
8. Galway University Hospitals <sup>i</sup>
9. HSE Reference REC B
10. HSE North East <sup>ii</sup>
11. HSE South Eastern Area <sup>iii</sup>
12. Irish College of General Practitioners <sup>iv</sup>
- 13 LauraLynn Ireland - Children's Hospice
14. Letterkenny University Hospital
- 15 Mater Misericordiae University Hospital / Mater Private Hospital <sup>v</sup>
- 16 Mayo University Hospital
- 17 Naas General Hospital
18. National Maternity Hospital (Holles Street) <sup>vi</sup>
19. National Rehabilitation Hospital (Dun Laoghaire)
20. Rotunda Hospital (Parnell Square)
21. Royal College of Physicians in Ireland
22. Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
23. Sligo University Hospital
24. Sports Surgery Clinic (Santry)
25. St. Francis Hospice (Dublin and National)
26. St. John of God Hospitaller Ministries
27. St. Patrick's University Hospital
28. St. Vincent's Healthcare Group <sup>vii</sup>
29. University of Limerick Hospitals <sup>viii</sup>

30 - The Clinical Research Ethics Committee of the Cork Teaching Hospitals <sup>ix</sup> does not use the RECSAF 31.8.18 (it has its own form) but will accept applications on it if received

31 – The St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network REC<sup>x</sup> has developed a variation of the RECSAF 31.8.18 with changes to the section G (Radiation).<sup>xi</sup> **In use in SLRON REC only**

32 – The Tallaght University Hospital / St. James's University Hospital REC<sup>xii</sup> has developed a variation of the RECSAF 31.8.18 for use on its electronic research ethics management system. **In use in TUH/SJH REC only.**

33 - The Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital REC uses an older version of the RECSAF (May 2011) **In use in RVEEH REC only.**

34 - The Beaumont Hospital REC <sup>xiii</sup> has reviewed RECSAF 31.8.18 whenever a significant change has occurred affecting its content. Substantial changes were made in June 2021 to reflect the amendments to the Health Research Regulations, again in November 2021 and July 2022 to reflect the terminology and definitions in the HSE RGMS Framework. Minor admin changes are made as needed. **Other RECs listed 1 – 33, and 35 -36 notified accordingly.**

**The HSE National Office of Research and Development plan to develop a research ethics application form to be accessed via an electronic research management system.**

**The majority of RECs are using the unmodified 31.8.18 RECSAF with/without admin changes in interim.**

The following additional committees are listed on the HSE National Office of Research and Development website: -

35. Blackrock Clinic REC

36. Dublin North City and County Mental Health Service

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<sup>i</sup> This is a Recognised Research Ethics Committee, meaning it can review research studies which involve exposure to medical ionising radiation.

<sup>ii</sup> Recognised REC

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<sup>xi</sup> New national research ethics committee for research involving exposure to medical ionising radiation at planning stages.

<sup>xii</sup> Recognised REC

<sup>xiii</sup> Recognised REC