Ethics Process Map: Types of Research

1. Does the research proposal involve human participants, their tissue and/or their data?
   - Yes
     - Does the research proposal involve the NHS; staff, premises, patients and or their data?
       - Yes
         - The research proposal falls under the remit of Health Research Authority (HRA) Research Ethics Committee (REC) approval through the Integrated Research Application System (IRAS)
       - No
         - Does the research proposal aim to primarily answer a human health related question?
           - Yes
             - The research proposal falls under the remit of Imperial College Research Ethics Committee (ICREC)
           - No
             - Does the research proposal involve human participants and or their data but not NHS premises, facilities or NHS patients or human tissue?
               - Yes
                 - The research proposal falls under the remit of Imperial’s Science, Engineering and Technology Research Ethics Committee (SETREC)
               - No
                 - Does the research proposal involve animals?
                   - Yes
                     - The research proposal falls under the remit of Imperial’s Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (AWERB)
                   - No
                     - Does the research proposal for an education study involving the recruitment of Imperial College undergraduate medical students?
                       - Yes
                         - The proposal falls under Imperial’s Medical Education Ethics Committee (MEEC)
                       - No
                         - Is the proposal not research, i.e. it is an evaluation or audit?
                           - Yes
                             - The proposal falls under Imperial’s Education Ethics Review Process (EERP)