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Dear Dr Coole

Ethics Reference No: L12072016 2016013– please always quote	
IRAS Project ID: 200852	
Sponsor: South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	
Sponsor Ref: 2016013	
HTA Project ref no: NET SCC ID 15/28/02	
Study Title: OPAL-I Interviews with employers/workplace representatives (part of the wider OPAL Study 'Occupational advice for Patients undergoing Arthroplasty of the lower limb).	
Chief Investigator/Supervisor: Professor Avril Drummond, Professor of Healthcare Research, School of Health Sciences.	
Lead Investigators/student: Dr Carolyn Coole, Senior Research Fellow, Dr Fiona Nouri, Research Fellow, Rehabilitation Research Group, School of Health Sciences.	
Other Key Investigators: Dr Paul Baker (PI) Main study Co-ordinating Centre (OPAL) South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.	
Type of Study: Occupational/Workplace Health interviews qualitative/quantitative	
Proposed Start Date: 1/07/2016	Proposed End Date: 30/06/2017
No of Subjects: 24	Age: 18+ years

Thank you for submitting the above application which was considered by the Committee at its meeting on 12th July 2016 and the following documents were received:

Short Title: OPAL-I Final Version 1.0 20.06.16:

- Covering letter dated 25 June 2016
- Protocol
- Employer/workplace representative invitation to interview- employee-specific
- Employer/workplace representative invitation to interview- non employee-specific
- Participant Information Sheet Employer/workplace representative 'employee-specific'
- Participant Information Sheet Employer/workplace representative 'non employee-specific'
- Consent Form Sheet Employer/workplace representative 'employee-specific'
- Consent Form Employer/workplace representative 'non-employee specific'
- Employer/workplace representative interview schedule

These have been reviewed and are satisfactory and the study has been given a favourable opinion.

A favourable opinion is given on the understanding that the conditions set out below are followed:



1. You must follow the protocol agreed and inform the Committee of any changes using a notification of amendment form (please request a form).
2. You must notify the Chair of any serious or unexpected event.
3. This study is approved for the period of active recruitment requested. The Committee also provides a further 5 year approval for any necessary work to be performed on the study which may arise in the process of publication and peer review.
4. An End of Project Progress Report is completed and returned when the study has finished (Please request a form).

Yours sincerely

Professor Ravi Mahajan
Chair, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences Research Ethics Committee