

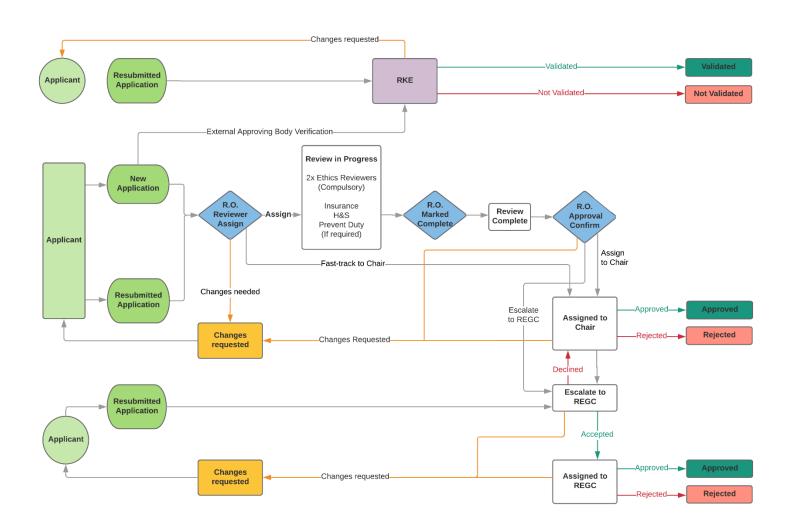


Guide for Research Officers

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EthOS Process Map





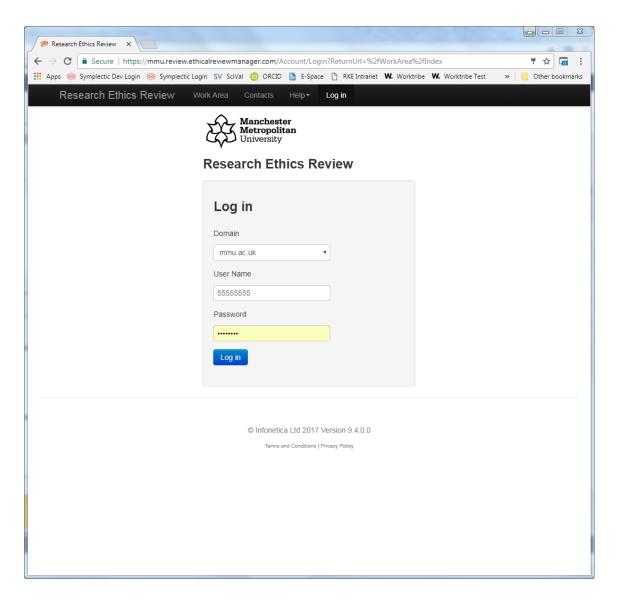
This is the process map for EthOS. Research officers are expected to engage at the 'R.O Reviewer Assign', 'R.O. Marked Complete' and the 'R.O. Approval Confirm' stages. This guide will demonstrate how to perform all tasks required within these stages.

Logging in to EthOS

In order to log into EthOS go to ethos-review.mmu.ac.uk

Here, you need to enter your MMU staff I.D and your standard password.

These are the standard credentials that you use for all university systems.





EthOS Work Area

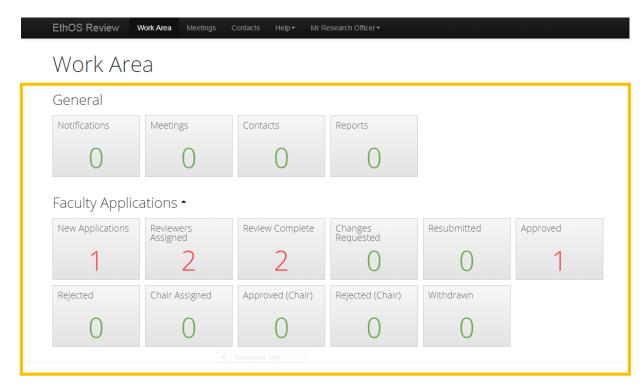


Once you have logged in, you will reach the main Work Area. Each tile within this work area displays a digit which tallies the number of projects within that particular tile.

The work area is split into tiles that hold information pending attention.

The tiles within the box represent a stage in the review process. This can be related back to the process map on page 2.

The following guide will ask you to select a tile option from within the work area. It is this page that is being referred to.



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EthOS Work Area continued



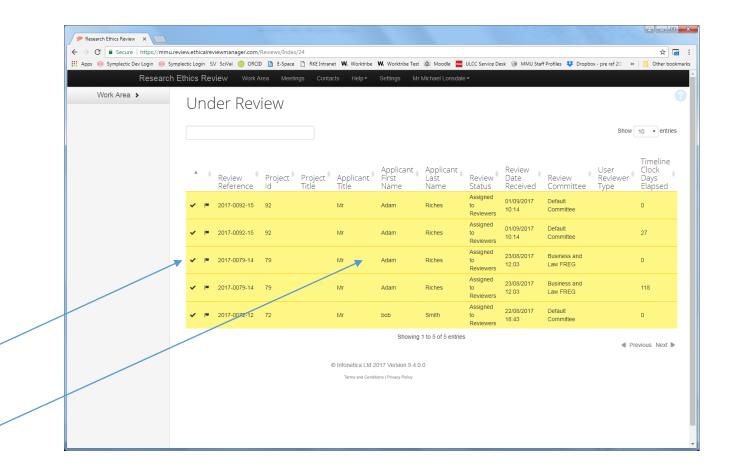
Each individual tile from the work area will lead to a list of projects that are currently at that particular stage of the review process.

You can use the various fields to sort the results

You are also able to use the search bar at the top to search for a specific project.

In order to manage your workload, you can toggle the tick-box on and off as you deal with the particular projects.

Click in to any project to view it in detail



EthOS Application - Timeline Page

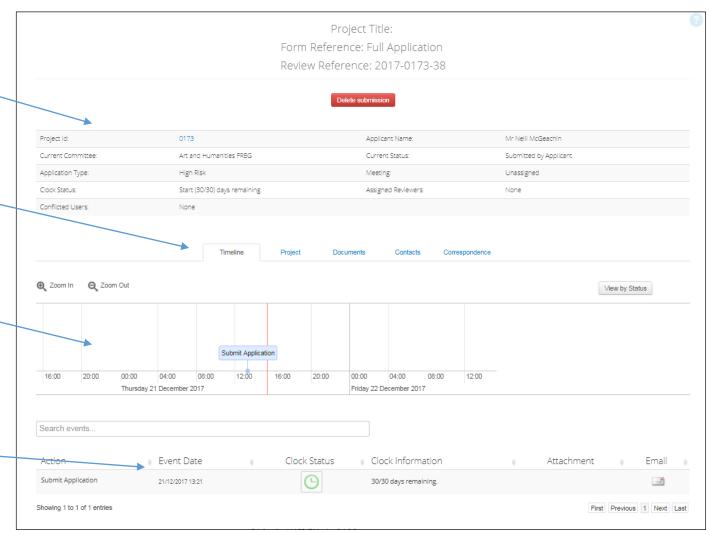


From within each project you are able to view various details about the application

You can scroll through the various tabs to reveal more information

The timeline shows where in the process the application sits. This can be viewed by status or action

The events of the process are documented at the bottom in an audit trail. Any associated emails and attachments which have been uploaded/sent can be pulled directly from here.



Advancing a project 1



From within each project you are able to perform several actions which will change who can view the project or progress the application to a different stage of the review process.

Assign Reviewers

Here you can allocate a project to specific reviewers. Guidance for this can be found on page 11

Escalate to Chair

In rare situations, you may need to fast-track the project to the chair. This can be done here. More information can be found on page 12

Assign to Insurance & H&S & Prevent

In some cases it may be necessary to let the Insurance/Health & Safety/Prevent teams check over the project. In order to do this, click on the corresponding button. For more information go to page 13

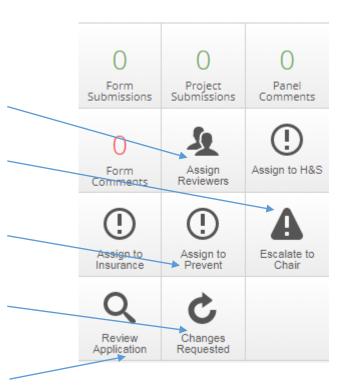
Changes Requested

Some projects may need to be returned to the applicant to make changes before they can be advanced. Click on 'changes requested' to do this. Further guidance can be located on page 14

Review Application

Here you will be able to check the answers given to inform your choice of the next necessary actions. This will allow you to view this particular application and make informed decisions as to where the application should be directed. For more information on this, view page 8-10 Review Complete

When you assign the application, then you will no longer be able to request changes and the 'Changes Requested' button will be replaced with the 'Review Complete' button. When you have received a response from all assigned parties then you can click this button to advance to the next stage.



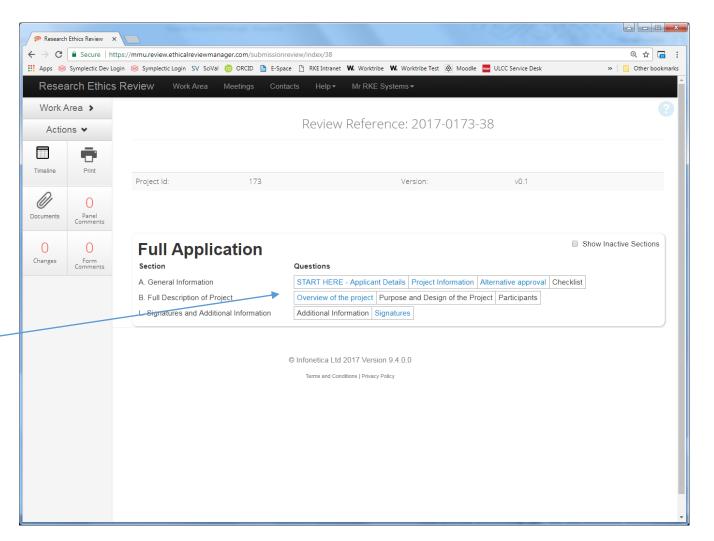


Reviewing an Application – Navigation Page



After you have clicked into the review area from the actions bar, you will arrive at the Navigation Page shown here.

This page will show the list of sections that relate to this application. The sections in blue have had questions answered within them and you are able to click them to view the questions and answers given.



Reviewing an Application – Questions



From within this page you are able to view the questions, answers and the associated help buttons. This section is a replica of what the applicant filled in. You also have a new set of actions within the actions bar:

Use 'Previous' and 'Next' to skip through sections.

Use 'Navigate' to go to the Navigation Page.

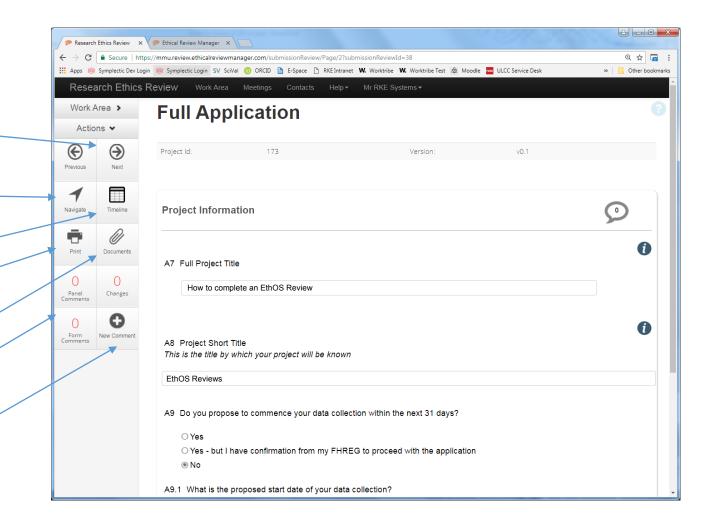
Use 'Timeline' to return to the Timeline Page.

'Print' will allow you to print or export the questions.

'Documents' allow you to view all uploads.

The numbered panels show a total of the comments and changes

To post a comment, click on 'New Comment'



Reviewing an Application – Adding Comments



In order to add a comment you need to first select the specific question you want to comment on. This will open up a dialogue box where you are able to type into.

You are also able to toggle on

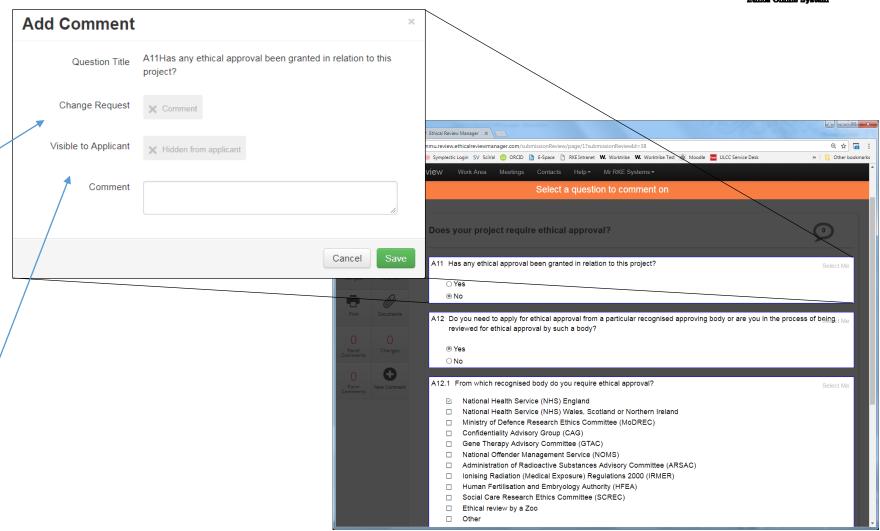
Change Request –

and off:

If you intend to return the application to the applicant for changes then you can toggle this on to flag a change to be requested.

Visible Applicant –

You can make the comment invisible from the applicant so that only subsequent reviewers are able to see the comment.



Next Stage – Assigning Reviewers



Once you have clicked on the button to assign reviewers then the following window will appear. In this section you must select 2 reviewers.

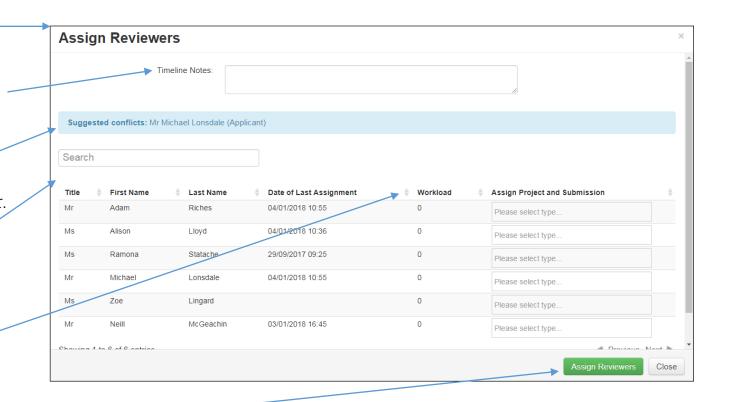
You can add timeline notes that will be passed to the reviewer and also show up on the application timeline.

Possible conflicts are also shown if the applicant/supervisor is also a potential reviewer.

This will list the people who are eligible to review the application. You can also use the search bar to search for a specific reviewer.

You can view the amount of applications currently assigned to a particular reviewer in order to spread the workload.

Once you have selected the type of reviewer, click on 'Assign Reviewers'.



Next Stage – Escalate to Chair



Once you have clicked on the button to escalate to the chair then the following window will appear. In this section you must select 1 chair.

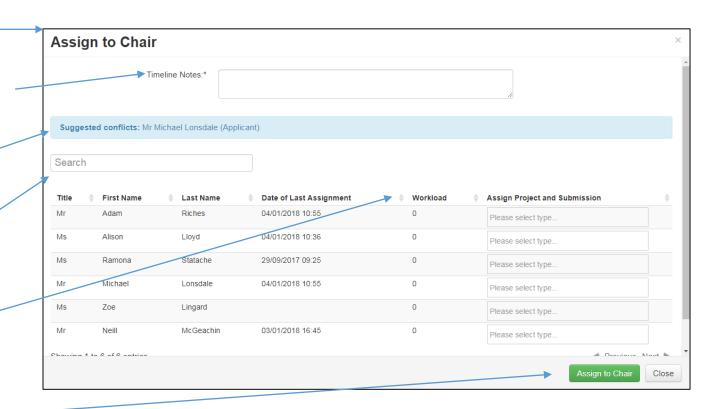
You can add timeline notes that will be passed to the chair and also show up on the application timeline. You may wish to do this to detail the reason for the escalation.

Possible conflicts are also shown if the applicant/supervisor is also a potential chair.

This will list the people who are eligible to review the application as a chair. You can also use the search bar to search for a specific chair.

You can view the amount of applications currently assigned to a particular chair in order to spread the workload.

Once you have selected the type of assignment, click on 'Assign to Chair'.



Next Stage – Assign to Insurance, H&S & Prevent Duty



Once you have clicked on the button to assign to Insurance/H&S/Prevent then the following window will appear.

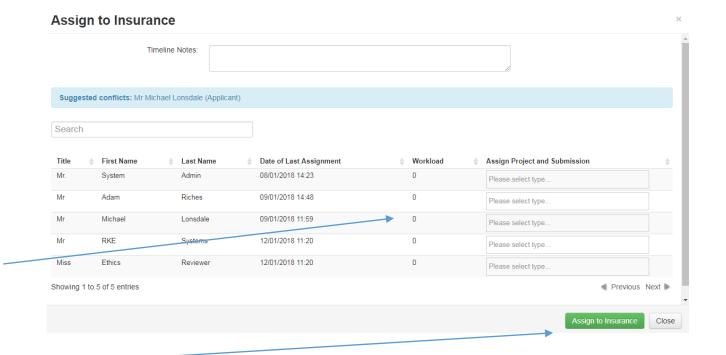
You can add timeline notes that will be passed to insurance and also show up on the application timeline.

Possible conflicts are also shown.

This will list the people who are eligible to review the application. You can also use the search bar to search for a specific person.

You can view the amount of applications currently assigned to a particular person in order to spread the workload.

Once you are ready to send, click on 'Assign to ...'



Changes Requested – Return to Applicant



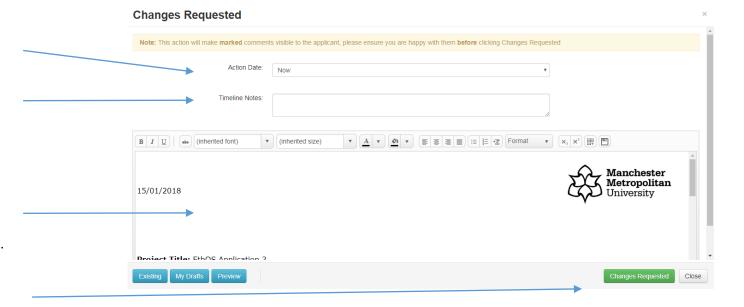
Once you have clicked on the 'Changes Requested' button then the following window will appear.

The Action Date should remain as 'Now'.

You can add timeline notes that will be passed to the applicant and also show up on the application timeline.

Changes that have been requested within the application review stage will be pulled in to a letter. Here you can check and edit the comments before they are sent to the applicant.

Once you are ready to return to the applicant, click on 'Changes Requested'.



Advancing a project 2



Once all reviews are complete and you have selected 'Review Complete', the project will require further actions that dictate the next stage of the application. These can be found in the actions bar.

Escalate to Chair

If no changes are needed then you should escalate the project to the chair. To do this, click here.

Review Application

This will allow you to view the answers given within this particular application. It is here that you will be able to check certain questions to inform your next actions. For more information on this, view page 8-10

Changes Requested

Some projects may require that they are returned to the applicant to make changes before they can be advanced. Click on 'changes requested' to do this. Further guidance can be located on page 14

Request Escalation (REGC)

In some instances you may need to advance the project directly to the Research Ethics and Governance Committee. To do this, click on 'Request Escalation'. Further guidance can be located on page 16



Next Stage – Escalate to REGC



In certain circumstances where the application could be perceived to impact the reputation of the University, then it may be necessary to progress the application directly to Research Ethics and Governance Committee (REGC).

Once you have clicked on 'Request Escalation' in the actions bar then you will arrive at this page.

You can add timeline notes to detail the reason for the escalation that will be passed to REGC and also show up on the application timeline.

Once you are ready to send to REGC, click on 'Request Escalation (REGC)'.

Once the application has gone to REGC then it will be either approved or rejected by them. You should not expect to receive the application back.

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