

- 1) QI projects would typically be evaluated as a 'Service Evaluation' which does not require Ethics approval. Ethics approval is mentioned for the UoS evaluation. This process can take many months and cause considerable delays to projects. Has this process already been started? If not how will this time risk be mitigated?

The costings provided from the University of Salford indicated that there would be a need for ethics approval for this project. On further discussion, the project would be delivered as a service evaluation for which ethics approval would not be required. The services that currently exist would be evaluated and action plans determined upon the initial findings. This would allow the project to be delivered in a timely manner. It is outside the scope of this project to gain ethics approval.