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| ASPA | Animal Scientific Procedures Act |
| BERA  | British Educational Research  |
| CI | Co-Investigator |
| CRB | Criminal Records Bureau (now DBS) |
| DBS | Disclosure and Barring Service (replaced CRB) |
| DEL | Department Ethics Lead |
| EO | Ethics Online system |
| ESG | Ethics Steering Group |
| FREC | Faculty Research Ethics Committee |
| FRED | Faculty Research Ethics Director |
| HEFCE | Higher Education Funding Council England |
| HRA | Health Research Authority |
| HTA | Human Tissue Authority  |
| IBMS | Institute of Biomedical Science  |
| IMCA | Independent Mental Capacity Act  |
| IRAS | Integrated Research Application System  |
| LPA | Lasting power of Attorney  |
| MHRA | Medicines Healthcare products Regulatory Authority  |
| MRC | Medical Research Council  |
| MRS | Market Research Society  |
| MTA | Material Transfer Agreement  |
| NDA | Non-Disclosure Agreement  |
| NIHR | National Institute for Health Research  |
| NRES | National Research Ethics Service  |
| OA | Open Access  |
| PCT | Primary Care Trust  |
| PGT | Post Graduate Taught |
| PI | Principal Investigator  |
| PNC  | Police National Computer |
| PVC | Pro Vice Chancellor |
| RCN | Royal College of Nursing |
| RDM | Research Data Management |
| REC | Research Ethics Committee  |
| RGFramework | Department of Health's Research Governance Framework for Health and Social Care  |
| RHEB | Relevant Higher Education Body |
| SCREC |  Social Care Research Ethics Committee  |
| UKCRN | UK Clinical Research Network  |
| UKROI | UK Research Integrity Office  |