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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 |