

# MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW TRIBUNAL

## Practice and Policy Guideline #14

### RESEARCH

*Practice and Policy Guidelines provide general direction and assistance to the members and secretariat of the Review Tribunal. They may be departed from or supplemented by the Review Tribunal as circumstances require. They do not constitute legal opinions.*

If the Review Tribunal is approached by an agency seeking its cooperation in relation to research connected to its work:

1. The approach should be referred to the Convener;
2. The Convener should consult with all other members of the Review Tribunal, the secretariat, and the Director of Mental Health.
3. When considering an approach, the Review Tribunal should have primary regard to the privacy of information. Other considerations include possible impact on the hearing process, calls on the time of members and the secretariat, and whether the research findings would be of benefit to the it.
4. If proposing to lend support to a research project, the Review Tribunal should obtain written confirmation from the agency that the research project has received ethics committee approval, or a formal exemption by an ethics committee.

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