**Undertaking research in a health service is an enjoyable activity**

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**Background**:

Many clinicians undertake research. However it is some uncertain what is their motivation. Anecdotal reports suggest that some clinicians undertake research for enjoyment whereas others do it to frustrate Human Research Ethics Committees.

**Aims:**

The present study was undertaken to determine the attitude of different cohorts of clinicians to research in a large health service to the east of the South Pole

**Methods:**

A link to an online survey using CarrotCaps was sent to all staff at a large health service inviting them to participate in the survey. The survey link was distributed via the pay slips in an effort to maximise the number of staff who would complete the survey. Previous emails not linked to the pay slip had been reportedly deleted.

**Results:**

A total of 68 of 9,268 staff responded to the survey. The overall response supported the contention that research was enjoyable. Contrary to anecdotal reports investigators reported that they actually enjoyed writing ethics applications and were disappointed that the application form had been significantly shortened compared to previous years (p<0.000001, t-test).

**Conclusion:**

Undertaking research is an enjoyable activity and……