

Research Committee Criteria for assessing Research Proposals

CCRC specific criteria:

- 1) Operational relevance to the CCRC?**
 - a) Will the research further our understanding of our processes?**
 - b) Will the research further our understanding of/provide academic insight into CCRC- specific casework issues?**
- 2) Operational relevance to the wider Criminal Justice System?**
 - a) If yes, will this also further our understanding of our own processes?**
 - b) Will this also further our understanding of/provide academic insight into CCRC-specific casework issues?**
- 3) Stakeholder interest? Will it benefit any particular stakeholders?**
- 4) Reputation of the CCRC – any particular benefits or risks involved?**
- 5) Sensitivity issues – any particular risks involved?**
- 6) Staff resources- impact on CCRC staff resources?**
- 7) Anything else which the CCRC considers significant at the time of application.**

Academic criteria:

- 8) Credibility/track record of empirical research of researcher?**
- 9) Quality of proposed methodology?**
- 10) Appropriateness of proposed methodology in relation to subject matter and outlined objectives?**
- 11) Probability of securing funding taking into account: track record of researcher, plans for impact, scale of funding sought, appropriateness of funding plans in relation to the proposed project?**

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