

Policy for Research Integrity

In 2016, the Norwegian Institute of Public Health established an ethics committee as an advisory body for the Institute's management group. From the outset, the committee had the following tasks:

- Develop, maintain, and implement ethical guidelines.
- Address and provide opinions on ethical dilemmas or disagreements in individual cases reported to the committee.
- Take the initiative to address issues related to ethical matters within the institute.

The ethics committee has also served as the Institute's integrity committee, which is a requirement for research institutions like NIPH, as outlined in the "Research Ethics Guidelines for Social Sciences and Humanities" (2020).

In January 2023, FHI signed a collaborative agreement for a joint integrity committee with publicly owned research institutions outside the core funding system.

The ethics committee was revised in the fall of 2023. NIPH's representative in the external joint integrity committee now leads the new ethics committee. A representative from the Department Communications and another from the Department of HR form the core of the Institute's ethics committee. They invite various NIPH employees or functions/roles to meetings based on the issues to be addressed. The Director's office serves as the secretariat.

Preventative Measures When Integrity Is at Risk or Violated