CSC3094 Ethics Check – 200823588 Sakir Azimkar

Guidance Notes

All projects conducted in Newcastle University, including undergraduate student projects, must follow the University's Code of Good Practice in Research. This includes following the University's Policy and Procedure for Ethical Review. CSC3094 has block approval from the University Ethics Committee for all student projects to proceed **providing they are ethically low risk**. It is your responsibility, in discussion with your supervisor, to ensure that your project is ethically low risk or, if not, has been approved separately, and that you have identified any ethical considerations that should be dealt with. This document provides the evidence that you have done this and consists of two sections Ethics Checklist and Ethical Considerations.

For Ethics Checklist, check that **all the statements** listed in the box below are correct for your project. Discuss with your supervisor if you are uncertain about any of the statements.

If one or more of the statements **cannot be satisfied** for your project, you **must** apply for ethical approval via the University's online ethics form. Note that, if the ethics form determines that your project has high risk areas, your project may need to be reviewed by the Faculty Ethics Committee which can take 20 working days (~4 weeks). You **must not** begin work on the high-risk areas of your project until ethical approval has been given. You are therefore strongly encouraged to ensure your project is ethically low risk to prevent delays to your project. You should also monitor the ethical considerations of your project throughout such that it remains ethically low risk. If your project changes such that any of the statements below no longer apply, you **must stop work** on the relevant activities until you have applied for ethical approval via the University's online ethics form.

For Ethical Considerations, include a short description of any ethical considerations your proposed project raises that you will need to deal with and monitor during the project. For example, if you propose to work with users you will need to ensure informed consent, if you are using existing data sets or collecting data you will need to anonymise any personally identifiable data.

Ethics Checklist

	My project:
	1. Will *not* involve working with **animals** or users/staff/premises of the **NHS** 2. Will be carried out **within the UK or European Economic Area** 3. Will *not* have any impact on the **environment** 4. Will *not* work with populations who do *not* have **capacity to consent** 5. Will *not* involve work with **human tissues** 6. Will *not* involve work with **vulnerable groups** (Children/Learning disabled/Mental health issues, etc.). 7. Will *not* involve any *potentially* **sensitive topics** (Examples include but are not exclusive to body image; relationships; protected characteristics; sexual behaviours; substance use; political views; distressing images, etc.) 8. Will *not* involve the collection of any identifiable personal data
X	**EITHER:** I confirm that all the above statements are correct for my project.
	OR: I confirm that one or more of the above statements are not correct for my project and that I have applied for ethical approval via the University's online ethics form.

Ethical Considerations

N/A