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1. The research is anonymous.

"Anonymity - No names or other personal information will be recorded for any data collected from the individual, face to face interviews. Anonymity will be kept when presenting the research findings and will continue to be kept until the research data is destroyed six years later."

☐ True

☒ False



Given face-to-face interviews, the participants' identity will be known to the researcher, hence anonymity is impossible. Rather the researchers can keep the participants' identity confidential in outputs.

2. The research is anonymous.

"In the first phase, the hard copy of the anonymous questionnaire will be printed out for distribution to the participants, therefore anonymity will be guaranteed when a serial number is used for each copy of the questionnaire. The demographic questions on the questionnaires will also be minimized and only those related to the research questions will be kept. For those who participate in the multiple case studies, pseudonyms will be used when reporting specific findings in order to protect their identities. To maintain confidentiality, the researcher ensures that the data collected will only be accessible to the researcher herself and her supervisors."

☒ False



Since the researcher is giving hard copies in person to participants, they will be known to the researcher, and the questionnaires are coded and so not anonymous. Rather the researchers can keep the participants' identity confidential in outputs.

With respect to confidentiality, if the researcher plans to use the data in a thesis, publish in journals etc., the data will be accessible to people other than 'the researcher herself and her supervisors'. The researcher can state however that the participants' identity will only be known by members of the research team and if applicable any 3rd party assistant who has signed a confidentiality agreement.

☐ True

3. The research is anonymous.

"Anonymity - Participants will be identified by participant code known only to the research team. Any publications or reports that result from this study will be presented as group data. In the case where individual data is presented, any information will not be identifiable."

☒ False



The Committee does not consider a study is anonymous if the data is coded and the researcher can identify participants. The term Confidentiality should be used instead of 'anonymity', and a clear statement given that no identifying information will be included in reports.

☐ True

4. The research is anonymous.

"Anonymity - The participants' responses on questionnaires won't be completely anonymous as they act as their own control across conditions. A Pseudonym will be assigned to ensure that data cannot be linked back to the student and only the student researcher will be aware of the Pseudonym being used. As such the students' data will remain anonymous to the lecturing staff and in any published data."

☐ True

☒ False



Since the participants' identity will be known to or discoverable by the student researcher, the research is not anonymous. Rather the researchers can keep the participants' identity confidential in outputs, and perhaps not available to certain members of the research team.

The Committee also does not consider a study is anonymous if the data is coded and the researcher can identify participants. Rather, the term 'confidential' should be used instead of anonymity, and a clear statement provided that no identifying information will be included in reports (including to lecturing staff).

5. The research is anonymous.

"Anonymity: For the purposes of audit, each clinical record audited will be allocated a code. A separate list with the code and NHI number will be stored on a password-protected computer and a password encrypted portable storage device. The data collection form will only have the code listed."

☒ False



The Committee does not consider a study is anonymous if the data contains information or coding that can be traced to identify the participant. As NHI numbers and a coding system is being used, researchers should refer to confidentiality of participants and state both that no identifying information will be included in reports and that data will be stored securely and separately from the information about participants identities.

☐ True

6. The research is anonymous.

The reason for including a PIN (personal identification number) is that there is the possibility of incidental findings such as high blood pressure. Without some form of tracing such findings back to individual consumers records the incidental findings cannot be reported. Management of the PIN and NHI numbers is explained (anonymity)."

☐ True

☒ False



The Committee does not consider a study is anonymous if the data is coded and the researcher can identify participants. Rather than talking about anonymity, confidentiality of participants' identity should be used. This is managed by storing the identifying markers such as PIN and NHI numbers separately from the secondary data analysis database, as well as ensuring that it is only accessible to members of the research team.

7. The research is not anonymous.

"Anonymity: In this research anonymity and confidentiality cannot be guaranteed because it is a photo of their face. Participants will be informed of this is the participant information sheet."

☐ False

☒ True



Correct

8. The research is confidential

"Confidentiality: I will preserve participants' confidentiality by removing all directly identifying information and careful use of interview transcripts. Information will be kept on a

password-protected computer, or in a locked filing cabinet. Consent forms and interview transcripts will be stored separately and securely for six years and then destroyed. The digitally recorded interviews will be transcribed by a third party who will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement. Participants can choose to have the digital recording returned to them or it will be destroyed by the researcher.”

☐ False

☒ True


 Correct

9. The research is confidential.

“All your information will be kept confidential. No material that could personally identify you will be used in any reports on this study. Codes will be used instead of names in the report. However in the case of your being identified by the specific information you are providing, we will make the greatest effort to ensure that none of the information written is in any way harmful to you. We will also allow you to review the transcribed interview documents and edit or delete your information if you want to.”

☐ True

☒ False

 If it is possible that specific information being reported could identify participants, then while good care may be taken with respect to confidentiality, it cannot be guaranteed as seems to be stated initially.

Instead, clarify the first statement by writing: All your identifying information will be kept confidentially by storing it separately from the data.

10. The Research is confidential.

“The PIS and CFs clearly state that we cannot guarantee confidentiality or anonymity in this study particularly if participants choose to take part in a digital story-telling workshop and if they submit the use of photos and other artefacts to augment their stories/data as well as the use of audio sound bites of interview narrative.”

☒ True


 Correct

☐ False

11. The research is anonymous.

“I will interview a small number of complainants/consumers and providers in order to assess their experiences with and perceptions of the organisation’s complaints procedure in terms of the aims of the research. Their experiences may form anonymous case studies in a journal article that I will write and in conference presentations. These complainants and providers are keen to be interviewed and to have their stories and experiences included anonymously in the research, because they have been dissatisfied with the complaints process in respect of their complaints.”

☒ False

 As participants will be interviewed they will be known to the researcher and so not anonymous. The case studies should be described as ‘de-identified’

rather than 'anonymous'.

☐ True

12. The research is confidential.

"The preservation of confidentiality is paramount. The information you share with me will remain confidential and will not be shared with anyone, other than the supervisors."

☐ True

☒ False



If the information obtained in the research process is to be included in a thesis, or published in articles or presentations, then it will be shared with other individuals (including examiners). So the statement here is false.

What is presumably meant is that the participants' identities (who provided the information) will remain confidential between members of the research team.

13. The Research is confidential

"Confidentiality – Confidentiality of the participants' names in the research within each school cannot be fully assured as they will be taking part in a focus group, however procedures to ensure confidentiality will include the use of pseudonyms for the schools and pseudonyms for all involved in all reporting and analysis. All data collected during the research will be stored securely and identifying materials (including key words and codenames) will be kept separate from the coded data. This will be explained in the PIS and Consent Forms."

☒ True



Correct

☐ False

14. The research is confidential.

"The information you provide during the interviews or focus group is confidential to the research project. We will not share your identity, information shared, or choice to participate or not with anyone outside of the research team. Additionally, you are able to choose how you will be identified in any research outputs generated from the study. Identification can be described as you like (e.g. a general title such as 'primary health provider' or a more specific title such as my specialty) and you can change your mind about how you wish to be identified for up to two weeks after your interview."

☐ True

☒ False



If information provided during the interviews or focus group is to be published, then it cannot be said to be confidential to the research team. Rather it is the identity of the providers of the information which is confidential.

Participants' identity will be known not only by members of the research team, but also by other participants in focus groups.

There is a possibility due to very specific research site, area or other focus group participants that participants' identity will either be known or guessed. This

needs to be made clear in the PIS and acknowledged in the CF.

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