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Please work through the following scenarios to establish if the Issue of Consent has been addressed.

Options are:

Yes: Ethical issue has been identified and adequately addressed

No: Ethical issue has not been identified

Incomplete: The ethical issue has been identified but has not been addressed or conflict fully resolved.

1. The recruitment will take place in a course at the University of Auckland for research involving focus groups. Depending on the participants, student researchers will obtain oral consent or written consent (or both). Where written consent will not create awkward dynamics or chill participants' enthusiasm for the project, written consent will be obtained. Where oral consent is appropriate, we will recommend that consent is recorded by audio so there is a record on file. In all cases, researchers will explain the study clearly to participants and obtain informed consent.

☒ No



The Committee would not consider the justification for the use of oral consent appropriate for research involving student participants.

The express written consent of the course coordinator would need to be obtained first to recruit participants in class time before the researcher can consider contacting participants for their consent. The participant information sheet (PIS) and consent form (CF) would need to be given to potential participants to inform them of the research, what they will be asked to do and the opportunity to have any questions or queries clarified.

☐ Yes

☐ Incomplete

2. All participants will be adults aged 16 years and older who are fully capable of giving informed consent. All participants will be given the relevant and Participant Information Sheet and consent form and offered up to 10 working days to consider, question, and respond to the student researcher if they are interested in taking part.

☐ Incomplete

☐ No

☒ Yes



Correct

3. The research project takes place over the course of a school year involving both the principal and teachers as participants. If the principal has given consent to participate in the research project the researcher will contact the principal. If the principal has given consent for the teachers to participate in the research project the researcher will contact interested teachers. The principal and teachers will be invited to take part in two semi -structured interviews.

☐ Incomplete

☐ Yes

☒ No



The Board of Trustees/Principal can only give site access for the researcher to approach the teachers. The principal can give consent for his/her participation in the research project whilst the teachers themselves provide consent if they wish to take part in the research.

4. Having a signed consent form would compromise confidentiality and anonymity. This is the main reason not to have one. Instead, participants will be fully informed by the PIS, in advance of participating for this research, so that their participation signifies consent. This is explained in the PIS. This will ensure the confidentiality of the answers given by students and staff taking place in this study. Their voluntary participation, after reading and considering the PIS, will signify consent.

☒ No



No consent process has been considered.

Oral consent may be acceptable when there are specific circumstances (besides ease of implementation) requiring this. Ensuring anonymity and confidentiality are not generally considered a reason for not obtaining written consent. Participants will not be anonymous because of interactions are occurring with the researchers.

Voluntary participation is not considered a consent process.

☐ Yes

☐ Incomplete

5. The participant information sheet will hold all relevant information for participants to be fully informed for the focus group session. Participants who wish to participate in the study will then be given written consent forms to sign. Participants will be given the chance to ask the researcher any questions they may have before signing the consent form.

☒ Yes



Correct

☐ Incomplete

☐ No

6. All interested participants will be provided with a full explanation of the study. They will receive the Participant Information Sheet (PIS) explaining the study. The participants have the right to withdraw from the study at any stage without giving reason while they fill-in the tasks in the study, but once they have completed the study, the collected data cannot be withdrawn because it is not identifiable.

☐ Incomplete

☒ Yes



Correct

☐ No

7. As a result of resident participant dementia, they are unable to provide informed consent. This issue will be resolved by obtaining informed consent from significant others. In some cases resident participants may also be judged as capable to assent to their participation. A simplified assent form will be provided either to a significant other or to the manager (whichever is most appropriate to each individual case), who will then explain the procedure to the resident.

☒ Incomplete



Rather than obtaining consent from a significant other, a proxy consent could be obtained from welfare guardian.

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. As participants included in this study will be children with ASD, informed consent from parents or legal guardians will be sought. Whenever possible, informed assent will be obtained from the participant.

☒ Yes



Correct

☐ Incomplete

☐ No

9. For Phase I of the research informed written consent from all participants involved in the project will be obtained. This involves a process of distributing information about the study including the research funder, aims and objectives, how the findings will be used, the time and activities involved and how the data will be recorded, stored and destroyed. Participants will then have the opportunity to consider their participation and choose whether to opt in.

For Phase II of the research involves a different group of participants who will be invited to take part in an online anonymous survey. The invitation will be posted on the organisations website. Informed consent will be assumed when the participants submit their completed questionnaire.

☐ Incomplete

☒ Yes



Correct

☐ No

10. Only after recruiting the participants and them having signed the consent form will participants will be notified about the research methodology they are to have with the student researcher. This will likely happen a few days before.

☐ Yes

☒ No



Participants can only provide consent if they have been clearly provided information about the research and what is expected of them in a PIS, they should also have the opportunity to seek clarification on any question or query they have.

☐ Incomplete

11. In order to recruit participants, the student researcher will contact both the Auckland and Wellington based societies to ask them to invite their members to participate in the research and distribute the Participant Information Sheet. The PIS explains exactly what will be required of them if they decide to be involved. The student researcher will be available via email, a designated research phone, or in person (if possible) to answer any other questions the prospective participant may have. Once the participant has contacted the student researcher expressing interest in participating in the project the student researcher will send them the consent form. This will ensure that participants will not feel pressured to be involved and will be able to give informed consent.

☐ No

☒ Yes



Correct

☐ Incomplete

12. In addition to secondary school students aged under 16 (for whom parental consent to invite participation will be sought) secondary students aged over 16 years will also be invited to participate.

☐ Yes

☒ Incomplete



For participants under the age of 16, consent should be obtained from their parents or caregivers whilst the participant provides their assent.

Consent should be obtained from participants aged over 16 years.

☐ No

13. The participant will be given a PIS that fully discloses all aspects of his/her participation in the project, along with a Consent Form (CF). The participant will be involved at every stage of the project.

☐ Yes

☐ Incomplete

☒ No



Whilst participants can consent to take part in a multi stage/phase research project it does not mean they will necessarily take part in all parts. All participants have the right to withdraw at any time without giving reason if they wish to.

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