**STAGE TWO ETHICAL REVIEW FORM**

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**Please circle the capacity in which you are completing this form:**

**Undergraduate Taught**

**Postgraduate Taught**

**Postgraduate Research**

**Staff – Non-funded Research**

**Staff – Funded Research**

This form should be completed for any research projects where the Stage One self-audit identifies an issue or issues requiring a more detailed assessment.

The signed and completed form should be completed with **your Supervisor (for taught students)/a member of Faculty Academic Ethics Committee (for staff/postgraduate research students)** who will forward the form to the Chairman of the FAEC. The FAEC monitors stage 2 proposals to satisfy itself that the Faculty's Ethics Policy and Procedures are being complied with.

In cases where there may be particular concerns or queries it might be necessary to refer the project proposal to a Stage Three audit. Work should not proceed until the FAEC has considered the issues raised. **You should therefore complete and submit this form well in advance of your proposed project start date.**

### **PROJECT DETAILS**

1.1 Title of Project – Loot boxes and their connection to gambling and gambling addiction

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL (OR ALTERNATIVELY A DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH) AND THE FIRST STAGE CHECKLIST.

**YOU NEED ONLY COMPLETE THOSE SECTIONS COVERING THE AREAS IDENTIFIED TO BE OF CONCERN IN THE STAGE ONE FORM.**

## 1. Potential physical or psychological harm, discomfort or stress

1.1 Could the research induce any psychological stress or discomfort? YES NO

If YES, state the nature of the risk and what measures will be taken to deal with such problems.

1.2 Does the research require any physically invasive or potentially physically harmful procedures? YES NO

If YES, give details and outline procedures to be put in place to deal with potential problems.

1.3 Does the research involve the investigation of any illegal behaviour? YES NO

If YES, give details.

1.4 Is there any purpose to which the research findings could be put that could adversely affect participants?

YES NO

If YES, describe the potential risk for participants of this use of the data. Outline any steps that will be taken to protect participants.

Possibly introduce participants to the world of gambling and get them addicted to it.

1.5 Could this research adversely affect participants in any other way? YES NO

If YES, give details and outline procedures to be put in place to deal with such problems.

1.6 Could this research adversely affect members of particular groups of people?

YES NO 

If YES, describe these possible adverse effects and the protection to be put in place against them.

1.7 Is this research expected to benefit the participants, directly or indirectly?

YES NO 

If YES, give details.

1.8 Will the true purpose of the research be concealed from the participants?

YES NO 

If YES, explain what information will be concealed and why. Will participants be debriefed at the conclusion of the study? How will you do this?

**2. Protection of Research Subject Confidentiality**

2.1 Will the research require the collection or use of personal information from e.g. Universities, schools, employers, or other agencies about individuals without their direct consent?

YES NO 

If YES, state what information will be sought and why written consent for access to this information will not be obtained from the participants themselves.

2.2 Will any part of the research involving participants be audio/film/video taped or recorded using any other electronic medium?

YES NO

2.3 Will it be possible to derive personal information from the data?

YES NO

If YES, what medium is to be used and how will the recordings be used?

* 1. Who will have access to the raw data? Me

2.5 Will participants be identified? YES NO 

If YES how will their consent to quotations/identifications be sought?

If NO, how will you ensure that their anonymity is preserved?

Only me having access to the raw data and not collecting data that could be used to identify individuals.

2.6 Will the datafiles/audio/video tapes, etc. be disposed of after the study? YES NO 

If NO, for how long they will be retained?

If YES, explain how they will eventually be disposed of?

Deleting them and emptying the recycle bin and dispose of the hard drive.

2.7 How do you intend for the results of the research to be used? To help determine the purposed of the study

2.8 Will feedback of findings be given to participants? YES NO 

If YES, how and when will this feedback be provided?

**3. Data protection and consent**

3.1 Will written consent be obtained from participants?

YES NO 

If YES, attach a copy of the completed information sheet and consent forms (see templates at the end of this document).

If written consent will not be obtained, please explain why circumstances make obtaining consent problematic.

Administrative consent may be deemed sufficient:

a) for studies where the data collection involves aggregated (not individual) statistical information and where the collection of data presents:

(i) no invasion of privacy;

(ii) no potential social or emotional risks:

b) for studies which focus on the development and evaluation of curriculum materials, resources, guidelines, test items, or programme evaluations rather than the study, observation, and evaluation of individuals.

3.2 Will administrative consent be obtained in lieu of participants’ consent? YES NO 

If YES, explain why individual consent is not considered necessary.

3.3 In the case of vulnerable people, will proxy consent be obtained i.e. consent obtained by a person authorised to act on behalf of a vulnerable person? If yes, please explain how this consent/assent will be obtained.”

YES NO 

If YES, explain how this consent or assent will be obtained.

If NO, give reasons.

3.4 Will the consent or assent (at least verbal) of vulnerable people participating in the research on an individual basis be obtained?

YES NO 

If YES, explain how this consent or assent will be obtained.

If NO, give reasons.

3.5 In the case of participants whose first language is not English, will arrangements be made to ensure informed consent?

YES NO 

If YES, what arrangements will be made?

If NO, give reasons.

**4. Moral issues and Researcher/Institutional Conflicts of Interest**

A conflict of interest would arise in cases where a researcher might be seen to be:

**“ compromising research objectivity or independence in return for**

**financial or non-financial benefit for him/herself or for a relative or friend.”**

4.1 Does your research involve a conflict of interest as outlined above YES  NO 

If YES, give details.

4.2 Is the research funded by a company? YES NO

4.3 If yes, are you employed by the company? YES NO

**5. Vulnerable participants**

5.1 What criteria will be used in deciding on the inclusion and exclusion of participants in the study?

Nobody under the age of 18 will be allowed to participate in this study.

5.2 Are any of the participants likely to be:

under 16 years of age? YES NO 

children in the care of a Local Authority? YES NO 

known to have special educational needs YES NO 

physically or mentally ill? YES NO 

have a disability? YES NO

vulnerable in other ways ? YES NO 

members of a vulnerable or stigmatized minority? YES NO 

unlikely to be proficient in English? YES NO 

in a client or professional relationship with the researchers? YES NO 

in a student-teacher relationship with the researchers? YES NO 

in any other dependent relationship with the researchers? YES NO 

have difficulty in reading and/or comprehending any printed

material distributed as part of the study? YES NO 

*If YES to any of the above, explain and describe the measures*

*that will be used to protect and/or inform participants.*

5.3If you are intending to involve children, young people, or vulnerable adults do you have an enhanced DBS certificate?

YES NO

5.4 How will the sample be recruited?

By email invitation as well as in person.

5.5 Will participants receive any financial or other material benefits because of participation?

YES NO

If YES, what benefits will be offered to participants and why?

There will by a physical reward system in order to emulate winning items within loot boxes, these will in form of chocolates or sweets or something similar.

**6. Bringing the University into disrepute**

Please explain your concerns below:

**7. Risk Management**

Please outline any potential risks involved with the research, and the measures that will be in place to minimise any risks.

Please ensure that ALL potential risks are considered, for example:

• Risks to participants or third parties (e.g. potential physical or psychological harm, discomfort, or stress)

• Risks to researchers (e.g. associated with conducting the research in the field or overseas)

• Reputational risk (e.g. to individuals, participating groups, organisations and funders)

• Financial risk (e.g. to individuals, participating groups, organisations and funders)

• Environmental risk

• Societal risk (e.g. any negative consequences that the outputs of the research may have upon society’s views of certain groups/ issues, risks associated with the dual use of research findings)”

**DECLARATION**

*I can confirm that I have read and reviewed this form and have raised any issues with the research.*

*Signed by applicant\_\_\_\_Mwolf\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Approved by\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*