**Seminar 3 Preparation**

**Case Study – Privacy**

1. If Ricardo is not responsible for determining allowable access, should he release the names and addresses?

No, Ricardo should not release the information to anyone as he does not have the authority to do that. This will also violate privacy rights of the individuals and can have implication on contravening privacy rights laws such as GDPR, in addition, Ricardo is a computer records clerk, meaning he is in violation of a code of conduct for computing professionals such as the British Computer Society (BCS) and Association of Computer Machinery (ACM).

1. Suppose Ricardo were responsible for determining allowable access to the files. What ethical issues would be involved in his deciding whether to grant access to Beth?

The files contain personal identifiable information(PII), therefor access should still not be granted as it violates privacy laws such as the GDPR. Ricardo must in this case ensure that Beth has the required consent and authorisation for accessing the files.

1. Should Beth be allowed to contact the individuals involved? That is, should the Records department release individuals' names to a researcher? What are the ethical issues for the Records department to consider?

This will still remain as a violation of privacy laws. Consent must be granted first and this will place the department in risk as individuals’ information would be leaked.

1. Suppose Beth contacts the individuals to ask their permission, and one-third of them respond giving permission, one-third respond denying permission, and one-third do not respond. Beth claims that at least one-half of the individuals are needed to make a valid study. What options are available to Beth?

The validity of the study should be in question, and beth should be transparent and obtain ethical clearance by following the right channels and obtaining informed consent. Personal information should still be denied as it violates privacy laws.