

Risk Assessment Form for Dissertation Projects

Any Masters of Public Health (MPH) student completing a dissertation must complete this risk assessment form in consultation with their academic supervisor before starting their dissertation. The form should be signed by the student and supervisor. Students are advised to keep an electronic copy (preferably a scanned copy of the signed form) for future reference and to include a copy of the risk assessment form as an appendix in their final dissertation. **The risk assessment should be revisited if any changes are made to the proposed research or any circumstances change.**

Please complete the requested details and/or mark the answer(s) that apply to your particular dissertation project.

Q1. Overview of Your Research Project

Your name: Richard Pilbery

Your academic supervisor: Steve Goodacre

Does your project involve any or all of the following?

- primary data collection (e.g. interviewing, surveying or observation in unfamiliar and/or private settings);
- a work-based research placement;
- overseas activities;
- working in an unfamiliar environment in general (i.e. a place that is not known to you, where you have spent little, or no time, previously).

Yes ☒ (If Yes, complete the rest of the form)No ☐ (If No, there is no need to complete the rest of the form, just sign the form - Q5 - and seek your academic supervisor's signature - Q6)

If Yes, please give brief details of your project here (i.e. topic area, details of planned research methods, details of work-based placement, details of any overseas activities, any unfamiliar environments):

Randomised cross-over trial using an online quiz to collect data.

Intended site(s) for the project (e.g. details of organisational setting, town, country if not to be completed in the UK): Various around UK (where computer terminals for participants located)

Over which months will the project will be completed? (approximate start and end dates to the nearest month, e.g. June 2012- August 2012): Data collection 1st March, 2013 – 30th April, 2013

Will you be working on your own?

All of the time ☐ Some of the time ☒ Never ☐**Q2. Potential security devices**Will you have a personal alarm? Yes ☐ No ☒Will you have a mobile phone? Yes ☒ No ☐

Q3. Health

Should we be aware of any medical information concerning your health and fitness, which is relevant to carrying out the project? Please enter 'NONE' if there are no foreseeable health/fitness problems.

NONE

Q4. Potential hazards inherent in project site(s) and/or research methods to be used

Are there any hazards associated with the sites at which you will be conducting your project and/or the research methods you will use? For example, will you be working on your own in private spaces (e.g. people's homes), travelling through potentially unsafe areas to reach your project site, or conducting interviews in politically volatile or potentially hazardous environments (e.g. around dirty water, at night, busy urban markets)?

If so, what are these hazards and what arrangements will you make to manage and reduce these?

Please use the space/table below to record identified risks, who might be affected and how you will manage the risks.

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No

Q5. Student's declaration

I have reviewed safety considerations for my project with my supervisor. I have read and understood the **Dissertation Research Safety Guidelines** in the **Dissertation Module Handbook** and I agree to abide by the recommendations made therein.

I understand that I am responsible for my own safety during this project and will take any necessary steps to minimise the risks the project poses to me and/or other people. I will not undertake the project if circumstances increase the risk of accident or injury (e.g. the presence of suspicious individuals).

Student's signature



Date 1st March 2013

Q6. Supervisor's approval

I have read this risk assessment and discussed it with him/her. I think it identifies all readily foreseeable risks in the project as planned at this date. If the appropriate precautions are taken by the student the project should be permitted.

Supervisor's signature



Date 1st March 2013