**University of Dundee**

**Ethical Approval for Non-Clinical Research Involving Human Participants**

**CHECKLIST 2**: **Is your project ‘low’ or ‘medium’ or ‘high’ risk?**

(to be submitted together with the relevant application form)

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| **Questions** | **YES** | **NO** |
| Will your research involve children under 18? |  | X |
| Will your research involve vulnerable participants (e.g., participants who are unable to consent or have a cognitive impairment or learning difficulties, prisoners or others in custodial care)? |  | X |
| Will your research involve participants in unequal relationships with the researcher(s) (e.g. your own students)? |  | X |
| Will any invasive or potentially harmful procedures of any kind be used (e.g. administration of drugs, placebos or other substances\*)? |  | X |
| Will tissue samples (including blood) be obtained from participants? |  | X |
| Is there a risk of physical discomfort or pain to participants? |  | X |
| Will the research involve working with any substances and/or equipment which may be considered hazardous? |  | X |
| Will the research involve psychological intervention? |  | X |
| Is there a risk of psychological or emotional distress to participants? |  | X |
| Is there a risk that participants may reveal previous, current or proposed illegal acts? |  | X |
| Will the study involve covert observation (i.e. participation without consent or knowledge at the time) and/or deception of any sort? |  | X |
| Will it be possible to link information or data back to individual participants in any way? |  | X |
| Will financial inducements (other than reasonable compensation for time or small rewards such as vouchers) be offered to participants? |  | X |
| Will the study involve discussion of sensitive or potentially sensitive topics (e.g. sexual activity, drug use, personal lives)? |  | X |
| Will the research involve access to data that requires permission from the appropriate authorities before use (e.g. data held by the police)? |  | X |
| Is there a risk that the safety of the researcher may be compromised (e.g. lone working, working in potentially dangerous environments)? |  | X |

\* Note that research involving administration of drugs or other substances may need NHS REC approval.

If you have answered **NO to ALL of these questions** please use **Form A** (low risk) to complete your application.

If you have answered **YES to ANY of these questions** please use **Form B** (medium/high risk) to complete your application.

Please submit this checklist with your application.