**Pre-Ethical Review Checklist**

***Please fill in this form and submit it to Blackboard. This information will be used as a basis for discussion with your supervisor for obtaining online electronic signoff of the ethical review process.***

***You MUST arrange a supervision meeting to obtain ethical review signoff. Submitting the form to Blackboard only is not sufficient to complete the process.***

***If you answer YES to any questions, you******MUST give a detailed explanation and justification.***

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| **Project Details** | |
| **Proposed Project Title:** | Alistana Fitness & Nutrition Tracker (AFNT) |

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| **Applicant Details** | |
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| **CHECKLIST QUESTIONS** | | **Y/N** | **Explanation** |
| 1 | Does the project undertake research that may be considered security sensitive?  **(*See the guidance notes at the end of this document*)** | **N** |  |
| **2** | Does the proposed project involve human tissue or human participants? | **Y** | *If the answer to this is ‘N’, then no further checks in the list need to be considered.* |
| **3** | Will participants be clearly asked to give consent to take part in the research and informed about how data collected in the research will be used? | **Y** |  |
| **4** | Can participants withdraw at any time if they choose, and are they told this? | **Y** |  |
| **5** | Are measures in place to provide confidentiality for participants and ensure secure management and disposal of data collected from them? | **Y** | **Only login information will be stored in the server. Other health related data will be stored in the user’s local drive. The user can easily delate all information in the application and server via a website.** |
| **6** | Does the study involve people who are particularly vulnerable or unable to give informed consent (e.g. children, or people with learning difficulties)? | **N** |  |

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| **7** | Might your research cause physical or psychological harm or stress to participants, or to others, or damage to the environment? | **N** |  |
| **8** | Are there any aspects of the research that might lead to unethical behaviour by participants or researchers? | **N** |  |
| **9** | Does the research involve the collection or storage of human tissue (includes products containing human cells such as saliva and urine). | **N** |  |

# Security Sensitive Research

You should be aware of the university policy on Security Sensitive Research. Please check the full Security Sensitive Research PDF available at - <https://www.uwe.ac.uk/research/policies-and-standards/research-ethics/policies-procedures-and-guidance> for full details of the policy. At the time of writing this document stands at version 2.0.

Security Sensitive projects require full ethical approval and can be subject to audits. Projects classed as security sensitive include:

* Projects concerning extremist religious groups, including their activities and beliefs that could breach counter-terrorism legislation under the Terrorism Act (2006).
* Projects concerning organisations that could potentially be involved in acts that could breach counter-terrorism legislation under the Terrorism Act (2006), for instance extremist animal rights or Far Right groups.
* Projects concerning cyber-terrorism.
* Projects undertaken for government departments concerning or including sensitive topics, for instance military procurement or weapons technology.
* Online projects which use social media and involve researching potentially sensitive extremist websites.
* Projects concerning making direct contact with extremist groups or individuals.
* Research which has the potential to be used for purposes unintended by the researchers in ways which threaten security despite this not being the intention of the researchers. An example of this type of research may be projects concerning IT encryption design

Undergraduate or postgraduate taught student projects that involve only public domain sources, for example, literature reviews of published academic papers, will not normally be considered security sensitive research even if they include reference to the terms above.

**Ethical approval forms or checklists for supervisors of student projects should record if the student’s project may legitimately require accessing potentially security sensitive material that is already in the public domain to protect the student if their internet search triggers any security interest.**

Any such student projects should be notified to the UWE Bristol Prevent Lead who will keep a register of security sensitive research.

# Document Revision History

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| **Version** | **Date** | **Changes** |
| 1.0 | 30th September 2022 | Initial Release |
| 1.1 | 23rd September 2023 | Updated student information to reflect that detailed explanation is required for answers to questions that are “Yes” |