



Your situation

You have informed participants that the research materials, including their personal data, would be shared with other researchers, but have not specified that this would be done via a third-party data repository.

You continue to hold participants' contact details (e.g. addresses, phone numbers, etc.).

You do not plan to re-inform them.

You plan to proceed with full anonymization of your data.



Try again

Proceed with the full anonymization of your data and carry out another shareability evaluation.



Best practices / recommendations

In the social sciences it is extremely difficult to have completely anonymous data. When proceeding with anonymization, we recommend that you carefully examine your dataset to confirm that it is indeed anonymous as defined by the law. Pay particular attention to combinations of variables. You can consult the resources listed below.

If full anonymization is not possible, and given that you continue to hold participants' contact data, it's highly recommended that you go back to them to for information or, better still, to obtain their explicit consent to the sharing of their personal data via a third-party repository.



Resources

FORS Guides: consult our guides on key data management topics, including data management planning, data protection, informed consent, data anonymisation, data sharing: <https://forscenter.ch/publications/fors-guides>

Data management webinar series: discover our webinars on the above topics, as well as on data documentation and security:
<https://forscenter.ch/data-management-webinar-series/>

FORS archiving resources: check out our wider archiving resources:
<https://forscenter.ch/data-services/help-resources/>

SWISSUbase resources: get access to SWISSUbase and its resources:
<https://resources.swissubase.ch/>

Open Science at UNIL: <https://www.unil.ch/openscience/en/home.html>

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