DataGo

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 participants.

You do *not* plan to proceed with full anonymization of your data.

You cannot share your data

As long as you hold participants' contact details, informing them that their data will be shared via a third-party data repository is not negotiable.

At this point, you have three options:
- inform participants, or even better get their explicit consent to the sharing of their personal data via a third-party repository
- permanently delete all directly identifying information (including contact details)
- or proceed to full anonymization of your data and carry out another shareability evaluation

Best practices / recommandations

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.

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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