

The Prospectory - Research Ethics

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1. Consent Form

All participants of Prospectory research are asked to complete a consent form stating:-

- They are aged 18 years or over
- They consent voluntarily to take part in the named study
- They understand the aims of the study and understand what will be involved for them as a participant.
- They understand they can refuse to answer any particular question or data request and can withdraw from the study at any point without having to provide a reason and that all their data will then be immediately deleted.
- They understand that any data they provide will be held securely and anonymised in all analysis and reporting and all identifying information will be deleted once the study is fully completed.

2. Confidentiality and Anonymity

All participants' identifying information and research data they provide in the course of the study are held securely.

Anonymised data are used in all analysis and reporting of the research.

3 Avoiding harm

Any study is carefully assessed in advance to identify any potential risks to participants (either physical, emotional or financial) in the course of the study. Both the probability and the severity of any potential risks are assessed.

Actions are proposed for minimising the likelihood of each risk and a process is established for addressing any risk which does occur.

4. Research practice

The plan and methods adopted for any study, as well as the subsequent data analysis and reporting, are carried out to professional standards with every effort made to avoid bias or inaccuracies and to offer scientifically valid results which are open to expert scrutiny.

Any potential conflicts of interest or are made public. Unless otherwise stated, all Prospectory research is self funded.

5. Research Motivations

Research carried out by The Prospectory is motivated by generating new knowledge which has a potential benefit to society.