**Student Researchers Ethical**

**Approval Form**

**Researcher:**

**Project title:**

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| **If you tick yes to any questions, your project may require further review** | **Yes** | **No** |
| 1 | Are you working with any participants who are not students or staff at the [insert your institution]? |  |  |
| 2 | Does the research involve vulnerable groups: children, those with cognitive impairment or those in unequal relationships? |  |  |
| 3 | Will the study require the co-operation of a gatekeeper for initial access to the groups or individuals to be recruited? (e.g. students at school) |  |  |
| 4 | Does the study involve participants age 16 or over who are unable to give informed consent? (E.g. people with learning disabilities: see Mental Capacity Act 2005). |  |  |
| 5 | Will it be necessary for participants to take part in the study without their knowledge and consent at the time? (E.g. covert observation of people in non-public places)? |  |  |
| 6 | Will the study involve discussion of sensitive topics (E.g. sexual activity, drug use)? |  |  |
| 7 | Could the study induce psychological stress or anxiety or cause harm or negative consequences beyond the risks encountered in normal life? |  |  |
| 8 | Will the research involve administrative or secure data that requires permission from the appropriate authorities before use? |  |  |
| 9 | Will research involve the sharing of data or confidential information beyond the initial consent given? |  |  |
| 10 | Will the research involve respondents to the internet or other visual/vocal methods where respondents may be identified?  |  |  |
| 11 | Will financial inducements (other than reasonable expenses and compensation for time) be offered to participants? |  |  |
| 12 | Are there problems with the participants’ right to remain anonymous? |  |  |
| 13 | Is the right to withdraw from the study at any time withheld, or not made explicit? |  |  |
| 14 | Does any part of the project breach any codes of practice for ethics in place within the organisation in which the research is taking place? |  |  |
| 15 | Is any of the material used likely to cause offence to any of the participants? |  |  |

**Signature of proposer: Date:**

**If you have any questions or concerns please contact [project manager]**

**Once your form has been reviewed, if there are any concerns it will necessary for you to receive full ethical approval from [insert relevant institutional board]**