

### ETHICS CHECKLIST FOR STUDENTS (approved February 2013)

This form is intended as an initial checklist for students proposing to undertake ANY research.

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<b>Documents</b>	Final Ethics Form To Send.docx OCD Action Email To Send With Ethics Form.png Consent Form With Ethics.docx OCD Questionnaire For Ethics Form.docx
<b>Project Title:</b>	Project Title: How does living with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) impact on family life?

No.	Question	Answer
1.	Does your proposed research involve the collection of data from living humans?	Yes
2.	Does your proposed research require access to secondary data or documentary material of a sensitive or confidential nature from other organisations?	No
3.	Does your proposed research involve the use of data or documentary material which (a) is not anonymised <b>and</b> (b) is of a sensitive or confidential nature <b>and</b> (c) relates to the living or recently deceased?	Yes
4.	Does your proposed research involve participants who are particularly vulnerable or unable to give informed consent?	No
5.	Will your proposed research require the co-operation of a gatekeeper for initial access to the groups or individuals to be recruited?	Yes
6.	Will financial inducements be offered to participants in your proposed research beyond reasonable expenses and/or compensation for time?	No
7.	Will your proposed research involve collection of data relating to sensitive topics?	Yes
8.	Will your proposed research involve collection of security-sensitive materials?	No
9.	Is pain or discomfort likely to result from your proposed research?	No
10.	Could your proposed research induce psychological stress or anxiety or cause harm or negative consequences beyond the risks encountered in normal life?	No
11.	Will it be necessary for participants to take part in your proposed research without their knowledge and consent at the time?	No
12.	Does your proposed research involve deception?	No
13.	Will your proposed research require the gathering of information about unlawful activity?	No
14.	Will invasive procedures be part of your proposed research?	No
15.	Will your proposed research involve prolonged, high intensity or repetitive testing?	No
16.	Does your proposed research involve the testing or observation of animals?	No
17.	Does your proposed research involve the significant destruction of invertebrates?	No
18.	Does your proposed research involve collection of DNA, cells, tissues or other samples from humans or animals?	No
19.	Does your proposed research involve human remains?	No
20.	Does your proposed research involve human burial sites?	No
21.	Will the proposed data collection in part or in whole be undertaken outside the UK?	No
22.	Does your proposed research involve NHS staff or premises?	No
23.	Does your proposed research involve NHS patients?	No

<b>Details of Research</b>
Outline the context and rationale for the research, the aims and objectives of the research and the methods of data collection
The aim of this study is to look at how people living with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) feel they are perceived by their family. This study will enable the author to get an understanding of the perspectives on an individual living with OCD's family situation and how it may or may not have an impact on their lives. Evidence will be related to the findings received.
A questionnaire will be sent out through a national charity organisation 'OCD action'. 'OCD action' have agreed (see attached e mail) to put the survey online for their members to respond to . OCD action is the main OCD support group charity in the UK and is currently involved with other research projects. They also have forum boards online where people are able to talk to each other and ask questions for others to answer. The questionnaire will be open to both men and women and is open to anyone over the age of 18, and this will be stated on the website.
The questionnaire will be used to help gather the views of people living with OCD, on their understanding of how their OCD impacts family life.
Once 20 people have completed the online questionnaire it will be taken off the webpage by the charity. Information will then be collated from the online 'google' questionnaire.
The collated results of the study will be offered back to OCD action to put onto the webpage for anyone interested in the results of the survey. All information will be anonymous.

<b>Who are your participants/subjects? (if applicable)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The participants are going to be over the age of 18 years old and they can be any gender.</li> <li>• The survey is going to be put online by OCD action and I have asked that once it hits 20 responses to let me know and to take it down from their website. If there are over 20 responses on the survey, only the first 20 responses will be considered.</li> <li>• OCD action will send through the first 20 responses to the researcher (with no links to e mail addresses or names)</li> <li>• If by chance there are more than 20 responses OCD action to only send me the first 20 that have been completed and make all participants aware and they will send out an e mail to those who will not be included in the study.</li> </ul>

<b>How do you intend to recruit your participants? (if applicable)</b>
This should explain the means by which participants in the research will be recruited. If any incentives and/or compensation (financial or other) is to be offered to participants, this should be clearly explained and justified.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through a survey online using the OCD Action Group.</li> <li>• The online survey will consist of 15 questions relating to the topic being researched</li> <li>• Consent will be informed through completion of the online survey</li> </ul>

<b>How will you gain informed consent/assent? (if applicable)</b>
Where you will provide an information sheet and/or consent form, please append this. If you are undertaking a deception study or covert research please outline how you will debrief participants below
Informed consent would be gained for the questionnaire by having information on the questionnaire. Participants are free to choose whether or not they want to complete the questionnaire. Consent has already been gained by OCD Action. They have sent an email (attached) stating that are willing to put the questionnaire online. Participants will be made aware that once they have completed the survey that they have give consent to use this information.

<b>Confidentiality, anonymity, data storage and disposal (if applicable)</b>
Provide explanation of any measures to preserve confidentiality and anonymity of data, including specific explanation of data storage and disposal plans.
All data that is collected through the google online survey is anonymous and will be kept safe on a computer in the researchers home. The computer itself is password protected.

<b>Potential risks to participants/subjects (if applicable)</b>
Identify any risks for participants/subjects that may arise from the research and how you intend to mitigate these risks.
All google questionnaires will be sent to a password encrypted computer and will also be stored on a password encrypted USB. Participation information will be included at the start of the questionnaire.

<b>Other ethical issues</b>
Identify any other ethical issues (not addressed in the sections above) that may arise from your research and how you intend to address them.
N/A

<b>Published ethical guidelines to be followed</b>
Identify the professional code(s) of practice and/or ethical guidelines relevant to the subject domain of the research.
Code Of Ethics And Professional Conduct – Royal College Of Occupational Therapy

<b>Comments</b>
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