KIITE Educational Research Ethics Committee (KIITE-EREC)

Criteria for Light Touch Review

Applications which involve an answer of "no" for each of these criteria will be eligible for light touch review processes. If during the light touch review, either of the reviewers considers that the classification of the research for light touch review is incorrect, the application will then be transferred to full committee review processes by the administrator.

#	Criterion	Yes	No
1	**Does the research involve potentially vulnerable people or groups/individuals in a dependent or unequal relationship?** *This can include but is not limited to children, criminal suspects, domestic violence victims, etc. Under usual circumstances, a student-supervisor / educator relationship would not be considered unequal.*		
2	**Does the research involve individuals or groups where permission of a gatekeeper is required for initial or continued access to participants?** *This includes children, care homes, and any access to participants which requires permission of another adult or a community leader (e.g., community groups, employees, students in a module, etc.). Note: This does NOT include students recruited through the Keele Psychology RPT.*		
3	**Does the research involve sensitive topics or collection of sensitive data about participants?** *This includes but is not limited to data or study materials linked to sexual behaviour, illegal behaviour, political opinions, abuse, physical or mental health, personal finances, genetic or biological material, etc.*		
4	**Does the research involve collecting/storing personal or sensitive participant data which cannot be anonymised?** *This includes visual images, videos, or sound recordings of the participant and any other identifiable records (e.g., structural MRI images). This does not include consent forms with names as long as it is not linked to the data files in any way.*		
5	**Does the research involve processing of data beyond that for which informed consent has been given?** *This includes linking to participant's data from other studies or other use of the data for answering research questions beyond those addressed in the information sheet.*		
6	**Will data be gathered through social media channels or online groups/websites without the explicit informed consent of each individual?** *This includes any online forum in which participants' posts/behaviour will be observed without providing explicit consent to participate regardless of whether the forum is public or private.*		
7	**Will the research involve blood/saliva/tissue samples, fMRI imaging, or other methods which involve physical risk to the participant and/or careful screening or specialist skills of the researchers in order to maintain safety?** *If your methods require specialist training/qualifications for the experimenters or screening procedures in order to maintain the safety or hygiene of the procedure (for both participants and experimenters) then you should select "yes" here. This, for example, might include screening for metal implants for MRI, hygiene/training for phlebotomy or tissue samples, or safety awareness for gathering data in public events such as protests. This is not an exhaustive list. If there are physical*		

	risks to the participant that go beyond those involved in typical daily life then you should answer "yes" to this question.		
8	**Could the research involve more than minimal psychological stress, anxiety, or humiliation for the participant?** *When answering this, you should consider the likely effect of your procedures on the intended sample and how they will react. For instance, a story about political unrest may cause a very negative reaction in refugees but not in non-refugees. If your study involves materials (e.g., pictures, sounds, videos, questions, etc.) which could evoke upset, stress or offense in participants, then you should answer "yes" to this question.*		
9	**Will the research involve deception?** *Deception includes misleading or incomplete information about the nature/procedures of the study during the consent process. Withholding the hypothesis is not deception as long as participants are fully informed of the procedures and purpose when giving informed consent.*		
10	**Will the research involve data collection without informed consent at the time the data is collected?** *This includes covert or naturalistic observation studies in public?*		
11	**Does the research involve a risk to the safety and wellbeing of the researchers and other staff?** *These can be physical or psychological risks*		
12	**Does any of the data collection take place outside of the EU that is NOT covered by the European Commission's Adequacy decision?** *This includes online data collection which will or could be completed by participants outside of the EU. The EU adequacy decision determines if a non-EU country has an adequate level of data protection. Further information can be found on the ICO website. Further information can be sought from the University's Data Protection Officer.*		