

## Research Ethics (2): Key Questions when Considering Ethics in Research

Ensure you consider the following when carrying out research:

- Ask yourself; 'What is more important – the rights of the individual participant or the benefits that research can bring to the majority?'
- Are the participants, and particularly children, in a vulnerable and exploitable situation?
- Use of information/data: what ethical problems can occur while participants are actually taking part in research?
- Have the participants given their consent?
- Have the participants been informed about the true nature of the study?
- Is this justifiable?
- Have you explained that all details about the participants will remain confidential?
- Will all the participants have the right to withdraw from the study at any time, without having to justify their actions?
- Have the participants been informed that they will be debriefed at the end of the study, their role fully explained, and an opportunity given to see the completed study?
- Have the participants been protected from any psychological, emotional, social, and physical distress?

### Task 1

Apply the above questions in your research project and try to consider what the ethical implications might be for your research project.

### Task 2

Watch the following clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0ZZJXw4MTA&list=RDG0ZZJXw4MTA>

Reflecting on the Ethics and Collecting Quantitative Data chapters, consider how the data have been manipulated here.

What lessons can be learnt on how to construct a survey or questionnaire?