



CODE of ETHICS for RESEARCH

- At Glaston Centre (also known as Glastonbury Reception Centre), we value the dignity and worth of all people equally, from all faiths, paths and none, with sensitivity and responsibility. Researchers should ensure inclusion in research projects of relevant individuals or groups who might otherwise be excluded for reasons of communication, disability, capacity, comprehension or expense.
- Researchers must ensure that every person from whom data is gathered for the purposes of research, consents freely to the process and is given adequate information to inform their consent.
- The consent of participants in research must always be sought, by means appropriate to their age and competence level. For children under 16 years of age and for other persons where capacity to consent may be impaired, the additional consent of parents or those with legal responsibility for the individual should also be sought.
- Special safeguards need to be in place for research with vulnerable populations. Vulnerable populations include children under the age of 16, people with learning or communication difficulties, people in care, people in custody or on probation and people engaged in illegal activities, such as drug abuse.
- During the data gathering phase, participants have the right to withdraw from the research and to ask for the destruction of all or part of the data that they have contributed.
- When the research data gathering is finished, it is important to provide an appropriate debriefing for participants.
- Subject to the requirements of legislation, including the Data Protection Act (1998), information obtained from and about a participant during an investigation is confidential unless otherwise agreed in advance.
- Participants in research must not be identifiable in any published documents. In the event that confidentiality and/or anonymity cannot be guaranteed, the participant must be warned of this in advance of agreeing to participate.

- Researchers must strive to protect subjects from undue harm arising because of their participation in research. It is recommended that research students ensure that a complete risk assessment is carried out before commencing: this is not the responsibility of the Glastonbury Reception Centre & Sanctuary.
- The normal principles of ethical research with human participants apply to internet-mediated research, and the basics of ethical practice are not changed.

References

- Data Protection Act (1998) London, The Stationary Office. Also available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/29/contents>

This Code of Practice includes advice from the following:

- British Psychological Society (2013). Ethics Guidelines for Internet-mediated Research. Available from: www.bps.org.uk/publications/policy-and-guidelines/research-guidelines-policy-documents/research-guidelines
- British Psychological Society (2013). Code of Human Research Ethics. Available from: www.bps.org.uk/publications/policy-and-guidelines/research-guidelines
- <http://the-sra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/ethics03.pdf>
- <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/media/27107/StatementofEthicalPractice.pdf?1411825915302>

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