



Research Ethics Policy

1. Policy Statement



3.3. These activities should be carried out with an ethic of respect for all persons including themselves and City of Bristol College



4.6.3. Researchers should ensure that data are kept securely, and that the form of any publication (including those published online) does not directly or indirectly lead to a breach of agreed confidentiality and anonymity.

4.7. Disclosure

4.7.1. Researchers may consider disclosure if illegal activities are taking place or if someone is at risk of harm.

4.7.2. Researchers should carefully consider making disclosure to the appropriate authorities or seek advice from a relevant responsible person.

5. Responsibilities

5.1. Researchers:

To complete a research ethics proposal form and submit to the Research Ethics Committee (REC)

To ensure that ethical approval has been granted prior to commencement of primary research

To report any changes in methodology, methods and participants which will have ethical implications, to their research supervisor and/or the REC for re-approval

To adhere to ethical protocols throughout the project

To be aware that referrals will be made to the if it suspected that research has been brought into disrepute or misconduct has occurred (projects cannot continue if ethical approval has been withdrawn or suspended)

To adhere to decisions made by the supervisor and/or the REC as these are binding; failure to comply with decisions may be regarded as ethical misconduct.

5.2. Research Ethics Committee:

To be chaired by the Assistant Principal FE&HE, supported by the Teaching & Learning Manager and appropriate staff members

Meet regularly to consider research ethics proposal forms for researchers. This can be done virtually or via