

Form B: DSiN Ethical Review Form

Please add additional pages if you need more space to explain any issue or process.

If your research will involve working directly with, interviewing or observing people:

- Please include a copy of the permission form you intend to use when submitting this form (see **Sample DSiN permissions forms** for examples).
- Please complete the form below.

DSiN’s policy is that we *presume competence*: We believe that in most cases, adults with disabilities (including most adults with intellectual, developmental and mental health conditions) can make good decisions about whether or not they wish to take part in research – but only when they have been given adequate information in a format they can understand, and when we ensure that no pressure or coercion is involved in gaining consent. Please explain below what issues may exist in regards to informed consent, and what steps you will take to ensure informed consent is obtained in an ethical manner:

If you will be working with people with disabilities who are under the age of 18, or who have been found legally unable to give consent, or who you have good reason to believe are unable to give consent, even if information is presented in an accessible format, please explain who will be asked to give permission on these individuals’ behalf. Additionally, explain how you will ensure that a) people with disabilities themselves have adequate information about the research process and its purpose and b) that no pressure or coercion is involved in obtaining consent.

Minimising potential harm

If your research could expose any person (researcher, research participant or others) to physical or psychological harm, please explain below what steps you will take to minimise these risks.

Safeguarding personal and other confidential information

Please explain what steps you will take to secure personal information about research respondents, and to secure any other confidential information you may have access to.

Please explain what steps you will take to anonymise research respondents in any research outputs or processes.

Additional issues

If you believe there are any other issues that may require ethical consideration, please detail these here, and explain what steps you will take to address them.
