

Do you need human ethics approval?

Activity	Data collected	Approval required?
Data already exists	Publically available*	x
	Literature review	x
	De-identified or anonymous data	✓
	Re-identifiable or identifiable data	✓
	Data where consent for research has not been previously obtained	✓
Interviewing people	Data to inform your research proposal	x
	Structured or unstructured interview	✓
Focus groups	Two or more people interviewed at once	✓
Survey	Online, over the phone, in person	✓
Observational study	Observing people and/or their activities in a public or private environment	✓
Clinical study	May or not may involve taking biological samples from people	✓
Intervention study or clinical trial	May or not may involve medial intervention or a device	✓

*note FB, some blogs etc., do not fall into this category. Reports on websites do.