

Ethics review: theme data.... If it's out there can I use it?

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Check the guidance on your faculty ethics web pages

- [FHM](#)
- [FST](#)
- [FASS](#)
- [LUMS](#)

Projects involving...

Primary data collection

- *Broadly speaking*, data that researcher is collecting for the first time usually for a specific piece of research/specific research project
- Eg Interviews, focus groups, questionnaires, social media, etc

- Submit application form with supporting documents
- Usually reviewed by a sub group of FREC or full committee

Projects involving...

Analysis of secondary data

- *Broadly speaking:*
already gathered data that is being analysed/re-analysed
- Submit application form
- Depending on the data being analysed:
 - may be asked to confirm whether participant consent was obtained to use the data in the way that you want to use it
- Usually reviewed by chair's action

Informed consent

- Information given on a Participant Information Sheet is crucial!
- For example:
 - Might you want to use the data for future research?
 - Might you want to share the data with other researchers?
 - Might you be required to deposit the data in a [data repository](#)?
 - ...or make a [data management plan](#) ?

NB This list is not exhaustive but these are some of the issues you may wish to consider when drafting a participant information sheet