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| **Low risk** | **High risk** |
|  | If you answer yes to all the questions in column 1 your research is considered low risk. | If you answer yes to at least one of the questions in column 2 your research is considered high risk. |
| Participants | * participants are all 16 years and over.
* the participants are not considered vulnerable.
 | * Vulnerable groups such as children, adults who are unable to consent or individuals with learning difficulties
* prisoners or young offenders?
* without their consent
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| Nature of the study | * no risk to the participant that might lead to disclosures of a sensitive nature or cause anxiety
 | * an element of deception
* disclosure of illegal or harmful activity or sensitive information
* induces stress, anxiety or negative consequences
* where the researcher or gatekeepers are in a position of influence or authority over participants that could give rise to a perceived pressure to participate
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| Study methodology | * there no drugs/ placebos involved
* data has already been collected or is pre-existing data
* data from people speaking in public places
* no invasive techniques or use of human tissue
 | * using ultrasound or sources of non-ionising radiation
* physically intrusive involving administration of substances, use of bodily materials, or DNA/RNA analysis.
* medical devices that are CE marked used outside its product limitation or any non-CE marked products
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| Geographical Location | * UK
* online surveys UK and abroad
 | * areas of political unrest
* areas with public health concerns
* local ethics approval needed
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| Other reasons |  | * undue incentives are offered
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