

Declaration of duty of confidentiality in respect of personal information regarding employees and others associated with the following research project:

Title: Trial of Improvisational Music therapy's Effectiveness for children with Autism (TIME-A)	REK/NSD no. 2012/761
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At Uni Research Helse

Uni Research Helse runs research projects which involve information about personal and health-related issues in respect of participants. In order to protect the integrity of research participants, a duty of confidentiality in respect of such information is imposed on every person who is employed or engaged by Uni Research Helse.

This duty of confidentiality entails an obligation to prevent unauthorised persons from gaining access to or knowledge of such information.

More specific details of the duty of confidentiality, including which information is covered, are stated in national laws and regulations, in official restrictions, in specifications issued by the employer or laid out in agreements with clients, collaborating partners or research participants.

In the case of health-related research, the duty of confidentiality covers information about people's physical state of being, health, illness and other personal matters of which one is made aware through the research work, in accordance with the following Norwegian laws: section 21 of the Health Personnel Act, section 15 of the Personal Health Data Filing System Act, and section 7 of the Health Research Act.

For research carried out on commission from public bodies, the duty of confidentiality encompasses personal issues including, for instance, client relationships in accordance with sections 13ff. of the Public Administration Act. Confidentiality shall also be maintained in respect of information that is made available to research projects and that in turn is subject to a duty of confidentiality or a promise of confidentiality, in accordance with section 13 e of the Public Administration Act.

Staff engaged in all research activities have a duty of confidentiality in respect of personal information where confidentiality is necessary, in accordance with sections 2-9 of the Personal Data Act.

Any breach of a legally-prescribed duty of confidentiality can lead to criminal action, in accordance with section 121 of Norway's general civil penal code. Breach of duty of confidentiality as a result of following a job description or agreement can lead to action in respect of the employer or the agreement.

If the duty of confidentiality comes into conflict with other significant considerations, such as the preservation of life, health or civil security, this may justify exceptions from the duty of confidentiality.

It is the responsibility of the project leader to define the extent of the duty of confidentiality for the project in question. The duty of confidentiality continues to apply after the conclusion of the employment or other association.

Declaration:

I have familiarised myself with the laws, instructions and agreements that are relevant to the duty of confidentiality in respect of research projects in which I am participating and I promise to maintain the confidentiality of personal information in accordance with these.

Place, date 19 th of August 2015	Name ULLA HOLCK	Signature Ulla Holck
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