

Open Data Legal and Ethical Issues: Consent



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Or - the tension and balance between
protecting research subjects and optimising
data reuse



What is consent?

“Research subjects signifying their **fully informed and freely given** agreement to personal data relating to them being processed” (EC Data Protection Directive)



Anonymisation

Replacing names with codes on recordings, notes and transcripts

Would the measures you have put in place to protect your subjects withstand the efforts of a “determined intruder” (the current test)?



What about social media?



Research and the law



Ethics and Morals



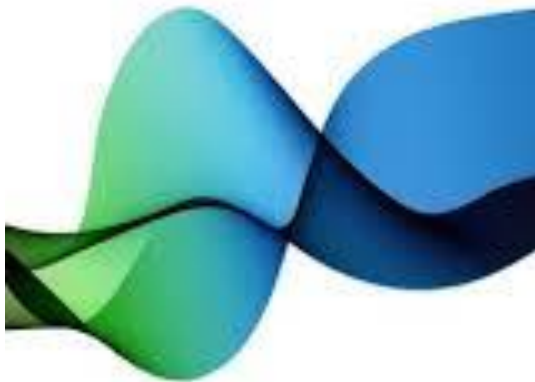
Open Data and Big Data



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