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Template for information and consent form for study assignments involving sensitive personal data – instructions for students and supervisors

This template for an information and consent form must be used when personal data is collected as part of working on a study assignment.

The form must always be signed as two paper copies (one for the person choosing to participate in the study, one for the student/Södertörn University). The form must be signed by the person who intends to participate in the study.

**The template contains text and parentheses that are highlighted in yellow. This is information that must be adapted to the study assignment. Remember to use clear and simple language. Avoid using difficult words and abbreviations that are not widely known.   
  
When the template has been adapted to the study assignment, the yellow text and the parentheses should be removed. These instructions should also be removed. It is important that this is done before the form is given to the person who intends to participate in the study.**

If you have questions about the content of the information and consent form, please contact the university’s data protection officer via dataskydd@sh.se.

# Information and consent form for study assignments at Södertörn University

## Information to participants

You have been asked to participate in the study about (name of the study assignment). The study is being conducted as part of my education in (name of course/programme) at the School of (state relevant school) at Södertörn University. Under the GDPR (2016/679), Södertörn University is the personal data controller when personal data is processed as part of a study assignment. This document provides information about how your personal data will be processed as part of this study.

## Personal data that will be processed

For the purpose of this study, your personal data that will be collected and processed are:

* Name
* Phone
* Address
* Email address
* Survey responses

In addition to the personal data stated above, personal data that is classed as sensitive will be collected and processed as part of this study. These sensitive personal data types are stated below:

* Information about your ethnic origin
* Information about your political opinions
* Information about your religious or philosophical beliefs
* Information about your trade union membership
* Information about your health status
* Information about your sexual activity or sexual orientation

## The purpose of the study and personal data processing

The purpose of the study is to (state the study’s purpose clearly and simply. **State why it is necessary to process sensitive personal data to achieve the purpose of the study).**

(Briefly describe what participation entails. What are participants required to do? What methods will be used? Number of visits, interviews, surveys and duration?)

**Example wording for an interview study:**

The study is based upon an interview, in which you answer some questions. The interview will be conducted via the Zoom conferencing tool and is estimated to take 30-60 minutes. The interview will be recorded and then transcribed, i.e. written out.

**Example wording for a web-based questionnaire:**

The study is based upon a questionnaire, in which you answer some questions. The questionnaire will be administered via SunetSurvey and takes about 15 minutes to complete.

## The supervisor’s assessment of appropriateness regarding the use of sensitive personal data

My supervisor has assessed the appropriateness of processing sensitive personal data in this study, to ensure the study assignment can be conducted in an ethically acceptable manner.

The supervisor (state name of the relevant supervisor) approved that sensitive personal data may be processed as part of this study on (state date of supervisor’s approval).

## What is the legal basis for processing personal data?

The legal basis for processing your personal data is your informed consent. You may recall your consent at any time, without stating a reason. However, recalling your consent does not affect the processing that occurred prior to it being recalled.

## How will personal data be stored and secured during work on the assignment

Your personal data will be stored (state how you will store personal data, e.g. on paper or in Onedrive). State the security measures you will apply to protect the personal data (e.g. de-identification).

## How long will personal data be processed?

Your personal data will be processed until the study assignment is completed and graded as a pass. After this, your personal data will be deleted. Your name or anything else that could identify you will not be included in the results.

## Transfer of personal data to a third party

(State whether the personal data will be shared with anyone outside Södertörn University. Remove this section if it is not relevant.)

## Transfer of personal data to a third country (outside the EU/EEA)

(State whether personal data will be transferred to a third country (outside the EU/EEA). Remove this section if it is not relevant.)

## Your rights under the GDPR

Södertörn University is the data controller for processing your personal data. Under the GDPR, you are entitled to access your personal data that is being processed in the study (extract from the register) and, where necessary, have erroneous personal data corrected. You may also request that information about you is erased and that the processing of your personal data is limited.

If you wish to use any of these rights or recall your consent, you should contact the relevant student or their supervisor. Their contact details are provided below.

## Complaints

If you have questions or complaints about how your personal data is processed, you are welcome to contact Södertörn University’s data protection officer via dataskydd@sh.se. You are also entitled to make a complaint to the Swedish Authority for Privacy Protection (IMY) if you are unhappy with the university’s personal data processing. IMY can be emailed at imy@imy.se or you can call them at +46 (0)8 657 6100.

## People responsible for the study

The person responsible for the study is (state supervisor’s name, title and contact details).

The study is being conducted by (state student’s name and contact details).

## Contact details for Södertörn University

You can contact Södertörn University by emailing registrator@sh.se or by calling +46 (0)8 608 4000.

# Consent to participation in the study on (state name of the study)

I have read and understood the information about the study and consent to participating in the study on (state name of the study). I am aware that my participation is entirely voluntary and that I can terminate my participation in the study without providing a reason. By signing this form, I choose to participate in the study and consent to Södertörn University processing my personal data in accordance with the relevant data protection legislation and the information provided.

Place and date:

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