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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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Geographical Location | * UK * online surveys UK and abroad | * areas of political unrest * areas with public health concerns * local ethics approval needed |
| Other reasons |  | * undue incentives are offered |