



School for Policy Studies

Exploring the narratives, motivations and experiences of people engaging in an online sewalong: the #focuscuttingsewalong (previously known as the #fussycuttingsewalong)

Confidentiality Protocol

I have a responsibility to uphold the participant confidentiality in relation to the research but there may be occasions when I also have a duty to warn about harm to the participant or to others. In such cases, the following confidentiality protocol will be followed:

1. Any information shared in relation to the above research project will be confidential and treated as such.

2. There are limits to this confidentiality. If you say something that makes me concerned about serious harm (this is behaviour that poses a severe risk physically and/or emotionally) either in relation to your safety or the safety of others then the following steps will be taken:
 - I will ask you if you've spoken about this with someone else and/or if you would like some help to do so. I will provide information about support agencies.
 - I will need to let my supervisor know that I am concerned about something that was said to me during the research. I will then ask my supervisor to advise me on the next steps to take.

3. If there is an immediate concern for safety then I will need to contact the police or other appropriate services depending on the situation.