



Ethics Form – Scenario (3)

HCI, Computers & Society

Project Title	Supporting communities through Web2.0
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Project Description
<p>This project aims to develop and evaluate a Web2.0 website which will offer support, information and diagnostic tools for people (and their families) that have a long-term debilitating medical condition. In particular the site will offer user-forums and self-assessment tools for people to pre-diagnose and monitor their condition. The site will be database driven and is inspired by other previous initiatives such as PatientsLikeMe.com. The project will involve the development of the prototype website followed by a 'live' trial period during which a group of participants with the relevant condition will be recruited and expected to explore and utilise the functionality of the site. During this period the site will also be made publicly accessible and its presence publicised in relevant magazines and other publications.</p>

Ethical Issues Arising from the Project
<p><i>Use bullet points to identify each separate issue – make sure that, for each point, you identify the person(s) affected by the issue - suggested word count: 500 – you should aim to raise between 5 to 10 issues.</i></p>

Required changes to, or clarifications of, methodology before project can proceed
<p><i>Use bullet points to identify each separate required change/modification – give <u>detailed</u> reasons why you have made your changes/clarifications compulsory – suggested word count: 250</i></p>

Suggestions to safeguard well-being and anonymity of participants
<p><i>Use bullet points to identify each separate suggestion – suggested word count: 500</i></p>

Suggestions for further reading
<p><i>Give three reputable online resources that you believe the project leader(s) should consult before proceeding further – in each case give the URL of the resource and a 100 word description of the resource's relevance to <u>this</u> project.</i></p>

