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**Fostering cultures of open qualitative research: Dataset 1 – Survey Responses**

This dataset was created and deposited onto the University of Sheffield Online Research Data repository (ORDA) on 23-Jun-2023 by Dr. Matthew S. Hanchard, Research Associate at the University of Sheffield iHuman Institute.

The dataset forms part of three outputs from a project titled ‘Fostering cultures of open qualitative research’ which ran from January 2023 to June 2023:

* Fostering cultures of open qualitative research: Dataset 1 – Survey Responses
* Fostering cultures of open qualitative research: Dataset 2 – Interview Transcripts
* Fostering cultures of open qualitative research: Dataset 3 – Coding Book

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The dataset aligns with ethical approval granted by the University of Sheffield School of Sociological Studies Research Ethics Committee (ref: 051118) on 23-Jan-2021.This includes due concern for participant anonymity and data management.

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This dataset comprises one spreadsheet with N=91 anonymised survey responses .xslx format. It includes all responses to the project survey which used Google Forms between 06-Feb-2023 and 30-May-2023. The spreadsheet can be opened with Microsoft Excel, Google Sheet, or open-source equivalents.

The survey responses include a random sample of researchers worldwide undertaking qualitative, mixed-methods, or multi-modal research.

The recruitment of respondents was initially purposive, aiming to gather responses from qualitative researchers at research-intensive (targetted Russell Group) Universities. This involved speculative emails and a call for participant on the University of Sheffield ‘Qualitative Open Research Network’ mailing list. As result, the responses include a snowball sample of scholars from elsewhere.

The spreadsheet has two tabs/sheets: one labelled ‘SurveyResponses’ contains the anonymised and tidied set of survey responses; the other, labelled ‘VariableMapping’, sets out each field/column in the ‘SurveyResponses’ tab/sheet against the original survey questions and responses it relates to.

The survey responses tab/sheet includes a field/column labelled ‘RespondentID’ (using randomly generated 16-digit alphanumeric keys) which can be used to connect survey responses to interview participants in the accompanying ‘Fostering cultures of open qualitative research: Dataset 2 – Interview transcripts’ files.

A set of survey questions gathering eligibility criteria detail and consent are not listed with in this dataset, as below. All responses provide in the dataset gained a ‘Yes’ response to all the below questions (with the exception of one question, marked with an asterisk (\*) below):

* I am aged 18 or over
* I have read the information and consent statement and above.
* I understand how to ask questions and/or raise a query or concern about the survey.
* I agree to take part in the research and for my responses to be part of an open access dataset. These will be anonymised unless I specifically ask to be named.
* I understand that my participation does not create a legally binding agreement or employment relationship with the University of Sheffield
* I understand that I can withdraw from the research at any time.
* I assign the copyright I hold in materials generated as part of this project to The University of Sheffield.
* \* I am happy to be contacted after the survey to take part in an interview.

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