#### Information sheet on data processing

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### "Evaluating, Identifying and Reducing determinants of MHCs in Youth"

#### Collection and processing of personal data and the nature, purpose and use thereof

As part of the study, we collect the following personal data from the participants: sociodemographic characteristics (in particular date of birth, gender, nationality), location (zip code / postal code), health, mental health, and emotions. This data is collected for research purposes.

The data processing is based on your free consent in accordance with Art. 6 I 1 lit. a) GDPR in conjunction with Section 13 of the Lower Saxony Data Protection Act. The personal data collected for the purpose of conducting the study will be stored by us and deleted 10 years after completion or discontinuation of the study.

Your personal data will be treated confidentially at all times. For the purpose of scientific evaluation, the collected data is pseudonymized and stored separately from the identifying data on secure data drives and evaluated in the respective study locations. Backup copies of the pseudonymized data are stored on two encrypted physical data carriers (external hard drives) in a secure steel cabinet. Pseudonymization means that the personal data, such as the name and date of birth, can no longer be assigned to a specific person without the use of a list. The personal data in the form of first names and surnames are replaced by a number and/or letter code; the date of birth is limited to the month and year of birth. A list is stored in the study center on which the names are assigned to these codes, consisting of numbers and letters. This list is stored separately at the study center and is subject to technical and organizational measures that ensure that the personal data cannot be accessed by unauthorized persons. Decryption only takes place if you wish to have the data deleted. The written declarations of consent are stored separately from the collected data in another secure steel cabinet.

After the evaluations in the study centers, all data is transmitted anonymously to the study center of the lead organisation (University of Applied Sciences Emden / Leer). Only the responsible persons at the University of Applied Sciences Emden / Leer have access to the personal data.

#### Data processing to third parties

The personal data collected will not be transferred to third parties.

If necessary, the personal data collected will be sent in pseudonymized form (encrypted) to

• University of Applied Sciences Emden / Leer or bodies commissioned by it for the purpose of scientific evaluation and

• in the event of adverse events, to the relevant ethics committee and the European Commission. The data will not be forwarded to countries outside the European Union.

## Publication

The research results are published in the usual scientific form on the basis of pseudonymized data, so that no conclusions can be drawn about you.

### Risks

Any collection, storage, use and transfer of data involves confidentiality risks (e.g. the possibility of identifying the person concerned). These risks cannot be completely ruled out and increase the more data can be linked together. We assure you that we will do everything possible to protect your privacy according to the state of the art and will only pass on pseudonymized data to institutions that can demonstrate a suitable data protection concept. A Data Management and Sharing Plan is part of the study and is subject to continuous revision by the study consortium consisting of all institutions involved in the study, should this be necessary due to technological or other developments. There are no health risks associated with data processing.

#### **Study participants rights**

You have the right:

- To withdraw your consent once given to us at any time in accordance with Art. 7 III GDPR. As a result, we may no longer continue the data processing based on this consent in the future.
- To request information about your personal data processed by us in accordance with Art. 15 GDPR. In particular, you can request information about the purposes of processing, the category of personal data, the categories of recipients to whom your data has been or will be disclosed, the planned storage period, the existence of a right to rectification, erasure, restriction of processing or objection, the existence of a right to lodge a complaint, the origin of your data if it was not collected by us, and the existence of automated decision-making including profiling and, if applicable, meaningful information about its details
- in accordance with Art. 16 GDPR, to immediately request the correction of incorrect or incomplete personal data stored by us,
- in accordance with Art. 17 GDPR, to request the erasure of your personal data stored by us, unless the processing is necessary for exercising the right of freedom of expression and information, for compliance with a legal obligation, for reasons of public interest or for the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims,
- in accordance with Art. 18 GDPR, to demand the restriction of the processing of your personal data if the accuracy of the data is disputed by you, the processing is unlawful, but you refuse to delete it and we no longer need the data, but you need it to assert, exercise or defend legal claims or you have lodged an objection to the processing in accordance with Art. 21 GDPR,

- in accordance with Art. 20 GDPR, to receive your personal data that you have provided to us in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format or to request that it be transmitted to another controller, and
- to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority in accordance with Art. 77 GDPR. As a rule, you can contact the supervisory authority of your usual place of residence or our registered office.

# **Right to object**

If your personal data is processed on the basis of legitimate interests in accordance with Art. 6 I 1 lit. f GDPR, you have the right to object to the processing of your personal data in accordance with Art. 21 GDPR, provided that there are reasons for this arising from your particular situation.