

## **NOTICE TO CENTRES**

FAO: Head of Psychology  
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Subject: Research Procedures

### **GUIDELINES BY THE BRITISH PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

#### **A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY 3876/7876 AS AND A2.**

Centres are responsible for ensuring that the ethical guidelines laid down by the British Psychological Society are adhered to and are responsible for ensuring that students carry out research in a safe environment. Students should as far as possible collect data within their own school or college, after obtaining permission from the tutor and head of centre. BPS ethical guidelines state that participants should not be under 16. Therefore when carrying out research for A level Psychology in units 2542 and 2543, participants under 16 should not be used under any circumstances.

#### **GCSE PSYCHOLOGY 1989/05**

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In this case, if the only participants available in the centre are under 16, then the under 16 rule can be relaxed so long as the research is carried out under the supervision of the tutor, and participants are selected only from the student's peer group.

Any enquiry about this notice should be referred to the **OCR Information Bureau, (01223 553998), OCR, 1 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB1 2EU.**

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