# Additional Files

**Additional File 1: Survey**

1. For how many years have you worked in *mental-health* research?
2. For how many years have you worked in *suicide prevention* research?
3. How many studies have you been involved with that specifically examine internet-based interventions for people who are at risk of suicide?

**The remainder of the questions in this questionnaire refers to research projects you have conducted with participants who are at risk of suicide.**

1. Have any of these projects focussed on a specific demographic population?
* Yes - Please indicate which population/s:
	1. Young people (i.e. up to the age of 25)
	2. Aboriginal, indigenous or first nations people
	3. Older adults (i.e. 65+ years)
	4. Culturally and linguistically diverse people
	5. People who have been bereaved by suicide
	6. Males only
	7. Females only
	8. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, or Queer/Questioning (LGBTIQ) people
	9. Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_
* No
1. What was your role (or roles) in these projects (select all that apply)?
	* Planned the study
	* Prepared ethics applications
	* Supervised junior members of the study team
	* Collected data from participants face-to-face
	* Collected data from participants over-the-phone
	* Collected data from participants online
	* Analysed/interpreted data
	* Written or disseminated the study results
	* Moderated or monitored the internet-based intervention
	* Other (please describe)\_\_\_\_\_
2. What, in your view, are the benefits of internet-based interventions for people who are at risk of suicide (please select all that apply)?
	* Availability
	* Accessibility (i.e. by people in remote areas)
	* Anonymity
	* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What, in your view, is the **biggest benefit** of internet-based interventions for people who are at risk of suicide?
	* Availability
	* Accessibility (i.e. by people in remote areas)
	* Anonymity
	* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. What, in your view, are the limitations of internet-based interventions for people who are at risk of suicide (please select all that apply)?
	* Discourage people from seeking face-to-face help
	* Limited capacity of professionals (i.e. moderators) to respond in a crisis
	* Risk of contagion
	* Risk of people entering into suicide pacts
	* I do not believe there are any limitations of internet-based interventions for people who are at risk of suicide
	* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. What, in your view, is the **biggest limitation** of internet-based interventions for people who are at risk of suicide?
	* Discourage people from seeking face-to-face help
	* Limited capacity of professionals (i.e. moderators) to respond in a crisis
	* Risk of contagion
	* Risk of people entering into suicide pacts
	* I do not believe there are any limitations of internet-based interventions for people who are at risk of suicide
	* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. What do you think the biggest barriers are to conducting internet-based intervention research with people who are at risk of suicide?
	* Difficulties with recruitment
	* Difficulties obtaining ethical approval
	* Lack of adequate resources to be able to respond to risk
	* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. What ethical problems did you anticipate encountering before starting your project/s? What measures (if any) did you take to address these?
8. Did you personally have any concerns about the ethical nature of your project/s?
	* Yes
		1. What were these?
	* No
9. Did you experience any problems in obtaining ethical approval for the project/s?
	* Yes
		1. What problems did you experience?
		2. What was the ethics committee most concerned about?
		3. How did you address these concerns?
		4. Did this affect the project/s in any way?
	* No
10. Did any ethical issues arise during the project/s that you had not anticipated?
	* Yes
		1. What were these?
		2. How did you address these?
	* No
11. Did you experience any problems recruiting participants to the project/s?
	* Yes
		1. What were these?
		2. How did you address these?
	* No
12. Did any other practical issues arise during the project/s that you had not anticipated, in relation to the nature of the population?
	* Yes
		1. What were these?
		2. How did you address these?
	* No
13. Did you exclude any participants based on their level of suicide risk (e.g. too mild or too severe)?
	* Yes
		1. What were the exclusion criteria?
		2. How and why did you exclude participants on this basis?
	* No
14. Did you exclude any participants based on symptoms or diagnosis of any psychiatric disorder?
	* Yes
		1. Why did you exclude participants on this basis?
	* No
15. Do you feel your sample was/is representative of people who would use these interventions once they are made freely available?
	* Yes
	* No
		1. Why/why not?
16. If you were to conduct this project/s again, would you use the same inclusion/exclusion criteria?
	* Yes
	* No
		1. What would you change?
17. In general, what inclusion and exclusion criteria do you think should be employed by researchers conducting studies of internet-based interventions for people at risk of suicide?
18. What safety measures did you employ for your project/s?
	* Moderation of the intervention (i.e. checking for posts made by participants indicating they might be at risk)
		1. Please describe: \_\_\_\_
	* Risk escalation and management protocols (i.e. how to identify and manage suicide risk in participants)
		1. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
	* Discontinue procedures (i.e. how and when to withdraw participants from the research)
		1. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	* Collecting emergency contact information
		1. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	* Other
		1. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
19. Do you feel that the safety measures you included in your project/s were adequate?
	* Yes
		1. Please explain your answer:
	* No
		1. Please explain your answer
20. If you were to conduct the project/s again, would you make any changes or refinements to these measures?
	* Yes
		1. If yes, please describe what changes you would make:
	* No
21. Do you feel that the safety measures affected the validity of the project/s in any way?
	* Yes
		1. If yes, please explain why you think this is the case:
	* No
		1. If no, please explain why you think this is the case:
22. Have you encountered any adverse events or serious adverse events during the course of your research that were attributable to the intervention/s you were testing?
	* Yes
		1. If possible, please provide details (i.e. what happened and why)
	* No
23. Did you take any steps to monitor or protect the mental health of the researchers involved in the project/s?
	* Yes
		1. What steps did you take?
	* No
24. If you were to conduct the project/s again, is there anything else you would have done differently?
25. Have you conducted research examining the efficacy of face-to-face interventions for people who are at risk of suicide?
* Yes
	1. Have you found are any differences in the ethical or practical issues you faced in studies of online vs offline interventions?
	2. Please describe these differences:
* No
1. Is there any advice you would give to other researchers who want to conduct internet-based intervention research with people who are at risk of suicide?
2. Do you have any other comments?