# 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?