

Advertising on the beat website and using the beat database of potential research participants



beat wish to support and promote research which is working to beat eating disorders. Due to resources, we currently offer use of the beat website and databases for research purposes to those whose research is PhD level or above. How researchers can access our services is subject to review periodically.

Step 1

We customarily ask all researchers wishing to either advertise on the *beat* website or access the *beat* research participant database to provide us with the following information:

1. A copy of your research protocol, including details of methodology, along with copies of your proposed letter, questionnaires and any accompanying letters, notes or other documents participants will need to read prior to involvement in a study.
2. Where and in what form you intend to publish your research findings and confirmation that full acknowledgement will be given to *beat*. We would appreciate being sent information about subsequent findings to post on the internet.
3. Evidence of ethical approval for the research project/protocol.

To keep administration costs down, we prefer most of the above correspondence to be via email to m.curtis@b-eat.co.uk but in the case of item 3, we request a hard copy to be sent to: Mel Curtis, Wensum House, 103 Prince of Wales Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 1DW. It is unusual for *beat* to support research without explicit ethical approval.

Step 2

If your request meets the above criteria, we may be able to help you with your research, in the following ways:

- We have a database of approximately 400 people who are willing to help with media and research enquiries. Some of these people have personal experience of an eating disorder, others of caring for a family member, friend or partner with an eating disorder. If you e-mail us with the criteria for selecting database members, we will respond with information about the numbers of people who meet your requirements, and contact them about your research.
- By placing details of your study on the beat website so users can contact you directly. See www.b-eat.co.uk/research to see how others have presented this information.

(Please note: Firstly, we can only specify those criteria covered by the information we collect about participants. Secondly, we cannot attach documents to the emails sent to the participant database, only to information on the website. Therefore please send the information you wish to have forwarded to database members in the body of the text to m.curtis@b-eat.co.uk and check your details make sense in this context. I.e. not referring to enclosed stamped addressed envelopes)

Further information

I hope this summary provides all the information you will need in order to get in contact, but in order to provide as much detail as possible to help you, please see the form that potential research participants are asked to complete in order to join the database:

http://www.b-eat.co.uk/Supportingbeat/MediaResearch/main_content/research_media_questionnaire.pdf