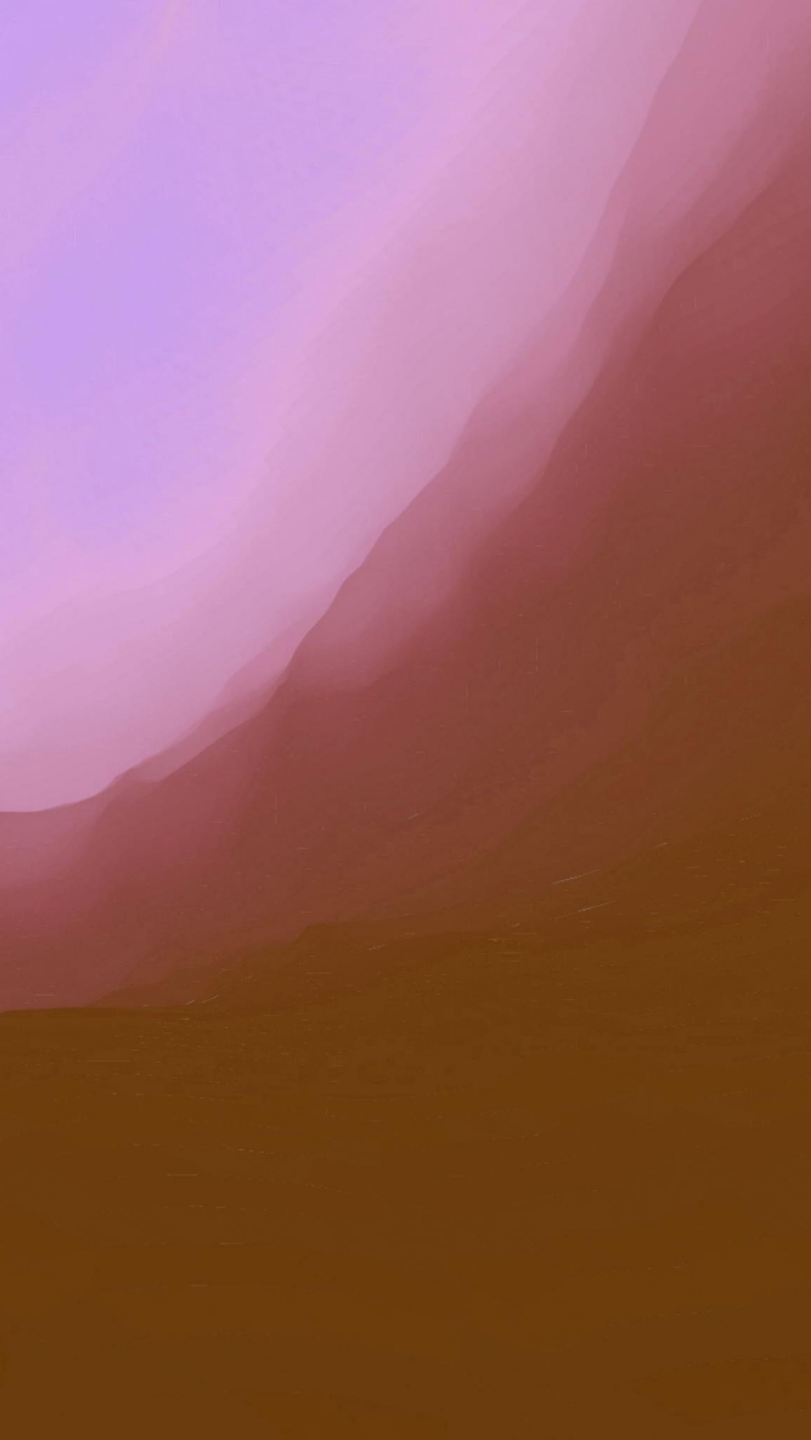




Research Proposal

The Experience of Staff Working in an
Abortion Clinic: What is the emotional
impact?

What I will be discussing:

- Background and Context of my topic
- Aims and objects of the research
- Proposed plan of work: timetable
- Proposed methodology
- Ethics

Background and Context

- 209,519 notified abortions in England and Wales in 2019 (Department of Health & Social Care, 2020).
- The Ellenborough Act 1803 (Abortion Rights, 2021).
- Abortion Act 1967 legally allows termination of a pregnancies carried out by a medical professional (Gov.Uk, 2021).
- New 2020 guidelines introduce pregnancy terminations at home, meaning women are able to access early medical termination services without the risk of entering a hospital during the Covid-19 pandemic (Department of Health and Social Care, 2020).

Background and Context

- Stigma of abortion.
- Between 2018 and 2020, there have been anti-abortion protests outside 44 U.K. abortion clinics (BPAS, 2020).
- Some organisations offering “Counselling” and free pregnancy testing are against abortions and give out false information (BPAS, 2021).



(Google Images, 2021).

Aims and Objectives

Aims:

- Investigate the stigma of abortions.
- Explore the experiences of staff working in an abortion clinics.
- Research the emotional effects of working as a medical practitioner in an abortion clinic.

Objectives:

- To complete a qualitative study on staff working with abortion.
- To present these results in my dissertation.

Proposed Plan of Work

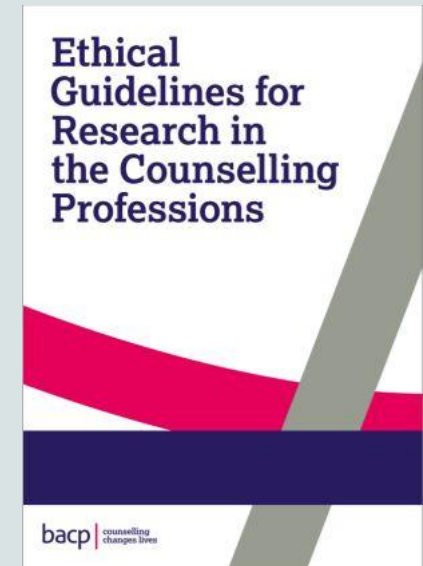
Planned Development (e.g. submission of form, completion of chapter, submission of thesis)	Target Date
Submission of research application forms	Early May 2021
Carry out research	July 2021
Analyse data and look for themes	August 2021
Research literature	September 2021
Create plan	October 2021
Start writing – introduction draft	October 2021
Literature Review	January 2022
Main Body of my own research	March 2022
Limitations and Conclusion	June 2022
Proof reading and amending	August 2022
Submission	September 2022

Proposed Methodology

- Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis Approach (IPA) (Balls, 2009). : I want to understand the participants' emotional experience of working in the clinic.
- Interviews:
 - + *open questions*
 - + *build a good rapport to ensure participant feels comfortable to answer openly and honestly*
 - *researcher bias*(McGrath, 2018)
- Online-database and Library research.

Ethics

- UWTSD Research Ethics & Integrity Code of Practice (UWTSD, 2017-2020)
- UWTSD Research Data Management Policy (UWTSD, 2016)
- Research and Development Department & Health and Care Research Wales (NHS, 2021)
- BACP Ethical Framework (BACP, 2019)
- Well-being support



(BACP, 2019)

Conclusion

- The Experience of Staff Working in an Abortion Clinic: What is the emotional impact?
- Stigma
- Completion by September 2022
- Qualitative research study – semi-structured interviews
- Ethical considerations

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