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**Introduction**

The five interview transcripts in this series were collected as part of the Blackpool HeadStart research and evaluation programme, in particular the Community Development and Social Movement work strand.

HeadStart was a six-year project (2016 – 2021) funded by the National Lottery Community Fund to ‘explore and test new ways to improve the mental health and wellbeing of young people aged 10 to 16 and prevent serious mental health issues from developing.’ Blackpool was one of six partnerships in England.

**Data processing**

In an agreement dated 10 July 2019, Blackpool Council (the data controller) agreed with the University of Brighton (the data processor) to retain the data, including transcripts:

“After the end of the research project data will be anonymised and held at the University of Brighton’s Research Data Repository.

“In line with the requirements of the University of Brighton retention schedules pertaining to research data, anonymised research data will be held for a minimum of 10 years.”

The data are not being shared for secondary purposes.

**Postdoctoral research fellowship**

The interviews were conducted by Debbie Hatfield who was undertaking an Economic and Research Council (ESRC) funded postdoctoral research fellowship at the time. Debbie had intended to interview participants in the National Health Service, but this was not possible because of the Covid pandemic. She therefore obtained ethical approval to use the interview data for the fellowship:

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Participant information, the consent form and semi-structured interview schedule were all approved by the University of Brighton Life, Health and Physical Sciences Cross-School Research Ethics Committee as part of the Blackpool HeadStart research evaluation. The data were therefore used for both purposes.

**Data access**

A condition of the ESRC grant is to share new data but this is not possible given the data restrictions and the HeadStart privacy notice**.** Access to these data is therefore via a named member of University of Brighton staff who is part of the Blackpool HeadStart research and evaluation team. This is **Dr Josh Cameron**, School of Sport and Health Sciences.

The final Blackpool HeadStart report is shortly to be published on the Blackpool Council website. The national evaluation is already accessible as of 23 May 2023. See [HeadStart national evaluation final report | The National Lottery Community Fund (tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/news/blog/2023-05-23/headstart-national-evaluation-final-report)

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