Research equipment support during COVID-19 crisis – UPDATED 28.05.2020

Due to the current COVID-19 situation the Lancaster DClinPsy programme is unable to provide some of the equipment that trainees have had access to in the past. As a result, we have produced this document to outline options available to trainees who may struggle without the use of foot pedals for transcription and voice recorders.

THIS REPLACES THE PREVIOUS SYSTEM WHERE TRAINEES COULD PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND RECLAIM THE COST. THAT SYSTEM IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR ANY PURCHASES THAT HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN AGREED

We would recommend that where possible trainees use an online platform that has the functionality to record interviews. Teams has this functionality and also has an inbuilt auto transcription service. The trainee would then listen back to the recording of the interview and correct the auto transcript with any errors that have been made due to the use of voice recognition software.

For situations where an online platform cannot be used there are methods and applications that can be used with mobile phones that allow individuals to record telephone calls. Please ensure that you test that the system you choose to use works using your equipment before including this information on any ethics documentation or literature for participants.

The below article usefully outlines the options available for this:

https://www.techadvisor.co.uk/how-to/audio/how-record-phone-calls-3508046/

In terms of audio transcription without a foot pedal this can be aided significantly by setting up hot keys using Express Scribe Pro. The course has licenses to this software that can be shared with trainees as and when needed.

If, having explored all of these options you find that you still require equipment, then we have limited amounts of some items that we are able to loan out that you can collect. Please contact Sarah Heard to let her know what you need and she will be able to let you know what is available.