

Mid-year report template for Community Projects and Internet Research - to be sent to gertrud@internetnz.net.nz on the date specified in your contract

Grant reference number:	IR20160015												
Name of recipient	Dr Wendy Wrapson												
Name of organisation (<i>if applicable</i>)	Auckland University of Technology												
Title of project/research	Internet usage and social connectedness of residents of aged care facilities												
Amount of funding received	\$27,000 excl GST												
<i>Budget details</i>	<p><i>List a breakdown of any expenditure to date and compare it with your expected expenditure</i></p> <p><u>Expenditure</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Research Assistant time</td> <td>\$801</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gift vouchers for telephone interview participants</td> <td>\$1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Postage/courier</td> <td>\$17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaried staff (Dr Wendy Wrapson)</td> <td>\$2,389</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaried staff – overheads</td> <td><u>\$2,700</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td><u>\$6,907</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>=====</p> <p>Apart from the RA time (see below), this expenditure is in line with the budgeted costs for this stage of the project.</p> <p><i>Have you achieved what you expected to achieved and with this spend? (If “No”, please provide more details)</i></p> <p>Yes</p> <p><i>Please account for any areas of overspend or underspend.</i></p> <p>Our ‘underspend’ is primarily due to less Research Assistant time having been used to date compared to the time budgeted. This is because it took a little longer to recruit an RA than anticipated, and little practical work could be done whilst awaiting ethics approval. Also, the transcriber’s time will not be required until the beginning of 2018 when the interviews in aged care facilities take place. The underspend will balance out in the second 6 months of the project when the Research Assistant and transcriber will be more heavily involved in the day-to-day tasks.</p>	Research Assistant time	\$801	Gift vouchers for telephone interview participants	\$1,000	Postage/courier	\$17	Salaried staff (Dr Wendy Wrapson)	\$2,389	Salaried staff – overheads	<u>\$2,700</u>	Total	<u>\$6,907</u>
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Timeline update	In order to achieve our target of completing 80 telephone interviews in Strand 2 of the project, we decided to focus on this component of the research first. Ethics approval has been												

	<p>obtained (Auckland University of Technology Ethics Committee reference no. 17/392) and advertisements placed on university and community noticeboards and on various social media platforms. Recruitment of participants has commenced. In relation to Strand 1 of the project, we are currently negotiating access to two residential aged care facilities so that we may commence recruitment of participants (residents) for face-to-face interviews within these facilities.</p>
Achievements to date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment of an appropriately qualified Research Assistant • Development and piloting of interview questions • Ethics approval obtained • Commencement of participant recruitment for telephone interviews • Consultation underway with two aged care facilities to arrange access to conduct interviews with residents
Difficulties to date	There have been no significant difficulties to date.
Findings/learnings to date	It is too soon for us to identify findings/learnings at this stage.
Do you anticipate there being anything media-worthy in your project/research*	Ultimately we anticipate interesting findings emerging from this research which may be newsworthy but it is too early at present to identify what these might be.