**README document for Improving Peer Online Forums (iPOF) Datasets**

**Interview Data**

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**File name:** WS1 All redacted transcripts

* File type: .docx (interview transcripts), .xlxs (participant demographic information)
* Date of interviews: Date: November 2022 - March 2023
* Interviewers: Rose Johnson & Paul Mashall
* Sample description: Senior staff and moderators of online mental health peer support forums
* Sample Size: 18

**File name:** WS2 All redacted transcripts

* File type: .docx (interview transcripts), .xlxs (participant demographic information)
* Date of interviews: August 2023 – October 2024
* Interviewers: Paul Mashall & Zoe Glossop
* Sample description: Users of online mental health peer support forums
* Sample Size: 53

**File name:** EDI redacted transcripts

* File type: .docx (interview transcripts), .xlxs (participant demographic information)
* Date of interviews: Date: March 2023 - July 2023
* Interviewer: Connor Heapy
* Sample description: People from ethnic minority backgrounds in the UK
* Sample Size: 14

**Data sharing:** The data is available for research if deemed relevant. The candidate must present a research proposal which is ethically sound and meets the iPOF criteria found in doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2023-075142

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