

Provision of Learning Resources to Very high risk (extremely vulnerable) students

Context

In line with best practice and GDPR obligations around the sharing of any digital content, you should not share personal data or images without the owner's knowledge as to the purpose for which their information is being shared. Furthermore, in providing online resources to students, we need to be conscious of the permeability between the digital platforms used internally in UL and externally facing social media as content can be shared from one to the other, either deliberately or unintentionally.

In line with GDPR, there are exceptional situations where we must balance the right to privacy with other rights and obligations.

At University of Limerick, we recognise that online and virtual learning is now an integral part of the education ecosystem in Ireland and that there can be a requirement to provide recorded lectures to students, particularly where students may not be able to attend classes in person because they have self-declared as being **Very high risk (extremely vulnerable)** from COVID-19 in line with Public Health guidelines detailed [here](#).

Recommendation

Given the above, the guideline is to only share lecture recordings where these have been made by an academic without students in-attendance, either physically or virtually.

An exception to this may be made in AY 21/22 so that lecture recordings that have been made by an academic with students in physical or virtual attendance, can be shared with **Very high risk (extremely vulnerable)** students who cannot attend on campus and only where:

- The recordings aren't circulated generally; they are only made available to a limited number of **Very high risk (extremely vulnerable)** students
- The student(s) to whom the recordings are circulated are informed that they are for personal use only and must not be edited, excerpted, or circulated further
- The recordings are reviewed first by the staff member to ensure that they are appropriate for distribution. It's impossible to give a hard and fast rule as to what might not be appropriate but, for example, any content in a recording that could cause embarrassment for a student.

Assessing need

A student must self-declare in writing (email) to their Module Co-ordinator that they are at a **Very high risk (extremely vulnerable)** from COVID-19 in line with Public Health guidelines detailed [here](#).