

PLANNING and DEVELOPING RESEARCH

MIXED METHODS

CONDUCTING RESEARCH and ACQUIRING DATA

Clarify the **mixed-methods design rationale** and how each method contributes to the research questions.

Preregister key design choices (such as sequencing, sampling strategies, and high-level analysis plans) to support transparency.

Plan how **integration** will be **documented** (for example through structured crosswalks or joint displays linking qualitative themes and quantitative variables).

Document **data collection procedures** for each methodological component.

Working collaboratively: **align variable** definitions, coding schemas, and metadata descriptors to **support later integration**.

Record significant **protocol deviations** or design changes to **support transparency**.

Maintain clear records of **how qualitative and quantitative components are sequenced**, connected, or iteratively adapted in practice.

Seek early guidance to ensure consistent project safeguards.



ANALYSING and SHARING DATA

Document **analytical approaches** for each strand. Show how **rigour is assured**.

Document the integration process explicitly, including how findings are compared, triangulated, or synthesised across data types.

Produce integration artefacts that show how different forms of evidence inform conclusions.

Where **ethical and legal considerations allow**, **share derived outputs or de-identified materials** that support understanding of the integration without compromising participants.

Describe the mixed-methods design and integration strategy clearly within publications to support transparency and interpretability.

Report **null, negative, or non-confirmatory findings** transparently to **contribute to cumulative scientific knowledge** and reduce publication bias.

Provide **accessible summaries** where mixed-methods research is intended to inform policy, practice, or service design.

Deposit integration artefacts alongside publications to support methodological learning and reuse.

DISSEMINATING and PUBLISHING RESEARCH

