

# Understanding Society User Support - Support #1718

## Sexuor Access

06/16/2022 03:19 PM - Evie Tabor

<b>Status:</b>	Resolved	<b>Start date:</b>	06/16/2022
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Assignee:</b>	Evie Tabor		
<b>Category:</b>	Special license		
<b>Description</b>			
To whom it may concern, I have noticed that the sexuor variable has been moved to special licence access via the UK Data Service. I work extensively with this variable and was surprised to see the change. I was wondering when this change was made and why? Many thanks, Evie			

### History

#### #1 - 06/17/2022 04:13 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from New to Feedback
- % Done changed from 0 to 90
- Private changed from Yes to No

Dear Evie,

This information is now considered to be sensitive and for that reason it was moved to the Special Licence release. This happened in the November 2020 data release (as reported in the Nov 2020 Revisions document available here: [https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/documentation/user-guides/mainstage/6614\\_waves1\\_to\\_9\\_revisions\\_nov\\_2020.pdf](https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/documentation/user-guides/mainstage/6614_waves1_to_9_revisions_nov_2020.pdf)).

I hope this helps.

Best wishes,  
Understanding Society User Support Team

#### #2 - 06/17/2022 05:47 PM - Evie Tabor

Thank you for the above information! Would you be able to inform me why this variable (and I notice HIV diagnosis also) was considered sensitive by the team at this time point? I am not aware of any recent change in legislation or guidance which would have informed this decision?  
Many thanks,  
Evie

#### #3 - 06/22/2022 12:28 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

Dear Evie,

I checked this with the team responsible for managing levels of access. The change was suggested by the UK Data Service, they highlighted that it was unusual to share this information under the End User Licence in other UK social surveys and that it was advisable to restrict access to these variables to minimise the risk of disclosure of respondents' identity. Our team agreed with their recommendation and the variables were then moved to the Special Licence release.

Best wishes,  
Understanding Society User Support Team

#### #4 - 11/30/2023 10:56 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from Feedback to Resolved
- % Done changed from 90 to 100