

## **PIA 20-011 Amendment: Nextcloud / FileShare Scope Expansion**

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### **Amendment Request: Scope Expansion**

I have received a request to expand UNBC's use of Nextcloud as presented in PIA #20-011 to accommodate a larger scope of research administration responsibilities. Currently, the software is only used for ECHO Research Network projects. The Research Manager for the ECHO Research Network as requested that the use of Nextcloud can be expanded to include the management of all UNBC research projects that are led or co-led by Margot Parkes.

As an internally managed software that has been reviewed by IT Security for vulnerabilities, I do not have any concerns as long as the information flow, access controls, and security measures do not change.

I do not consider there to be a need to restrict this amendment based on the identity of the lead or co-lead investigator. I consider the PIA amended to expand this scope as requested. In addition Nextcloud may be used to support other research projects going forward regardless of the identity of the lead or co-lead investigator. This amendment only covers privacy management practices and does not guarantee that other types of approval including but not limited to funding and human resourcing will be approved.

### **Amendment Request: Information Elements or Types Collected**

I have received a request to expand the elements or types of information managed on the platform to include project calendars, research ethics related documentation, chat messaging, coordinating correspondence, and research content. These record types do not contain information that is increasing the risk of using this platform. Research content containing medical, psychiatric or therapeutic history of identifiable individuals is not included in the approval of the amendment to this PIA. The management medical, psychiatric and therapeutic history must be approved by the OIPC and managed according to all provincial standards for the management of medical information.

As an internally managed software that has been reviewed by IT Security for vulnerabilities, I do not have any concerns as long as the information flow, access controls, and security measures do not change.

I consider the PIA amended to expand the elements and types of information managed on the platform as requested.

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