

ANNEX D: Data Use and Ownership Statement

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To: Dr. Zafer Bekiroğulları, International Cognitive and Behavioural Psychotherapies Society (CBPis), Nicosia, Northern Cyprus
Subject: Data Use and Ownership Statement

This statement confirms that the data used in the study "Substance Abuse Among Adolescents in Northern Cyprus: Trends, Risks, and Preventive Responses" were collected between 3 November 2025 and 29 December 2025 from students aged 15–16 years (Grade 10).

Prior to data collection, official permissions were obtained from the Ministry of Education of Northern Cyprus. Participation followed ESPAD (European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs) standards, including voluntary involvement and anonymized data collection.

Written informed consent was obtained from:

- Students participating in the study,
- Parents or legal guardians,
- Relevant school authorities.

All participants and guardians were clearly informed about:

- the purpose of the research,
- the voluntary nature of participation,
- the confidentiality of responses,
- the intended use of the data and research outputs.

The data were collected and coordinated under the scientific and operational supervision of Dr. Zafer Bekiroğulları, who ensured ethical compliance, methodological consistency, and field coordination.

The Commission authorizes the use of the data solely in aggregated and anonymized form for analysis, reporting, and publication.

Sincerely,

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