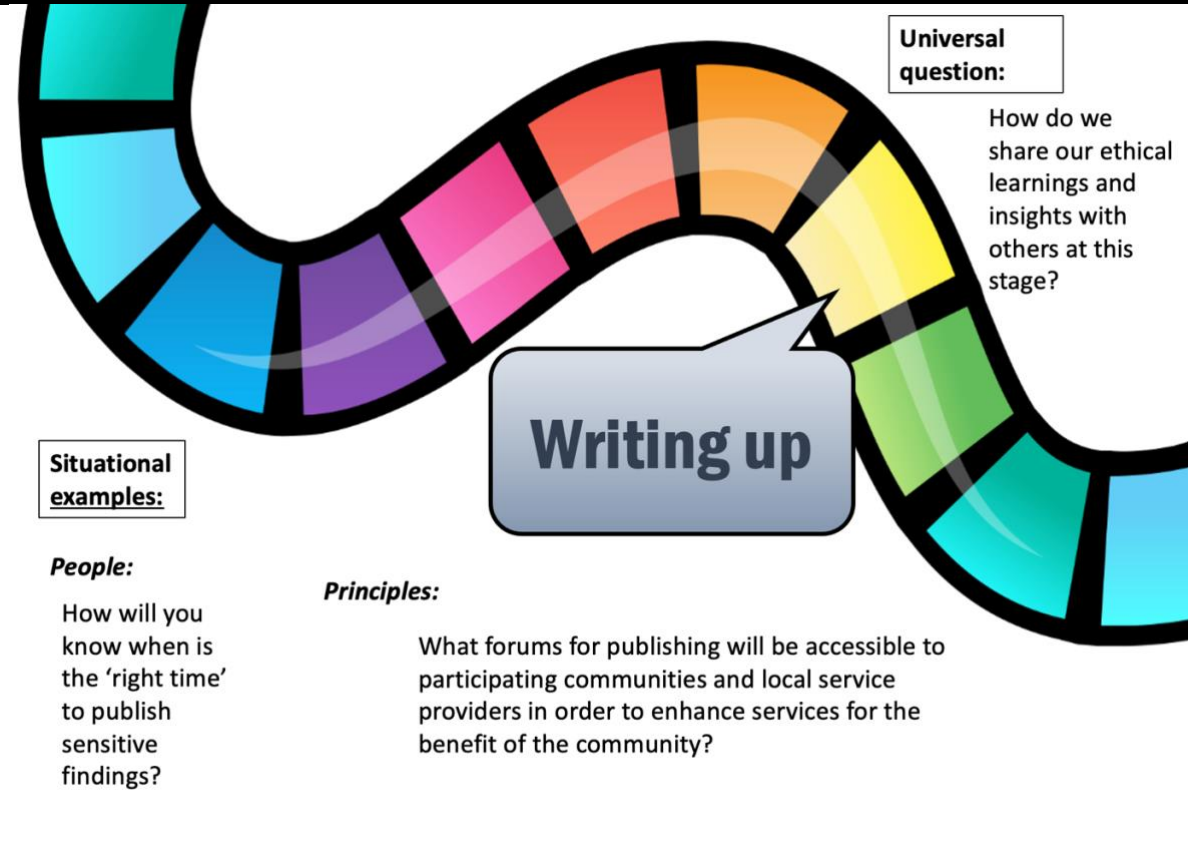


## Stage 9 WRITING UP

The team will write up the findings in a report or paper. They will often be required to submit this to the funding body within a particular deadline. How people make of research findings will often differ, even within a research team. Presenting findings in different ways can have significant ethical implications.



### Being alert to ethical dilemmas

To whom and for whom do we write? How can our paper be interpreted and used?

#### Supporting considerations:

- Often contexts of greatest need also carry the greatest risk in reporting research findings – this is part of the ethics of working in conflict zones and unstable contexts.
- Do we need consent to publish from political parties?
- How do we engage research partners in academic outputs in a way that reflects their key role, and which is safe for them in their local context?
- How do we manage the situation where you cannot include all the data analysed in your write up – how do we honour that contribution?
- How do we share our ethical learnings and insights with others at this stage?

### Working towards solutions

Place	People	Principles	Precedent
Be clear about the context in which this paper will be read. You may consider when is the 'right time' to publish sensitive findings, or the right forum. For example,	Discuss with your team and with local partners, the risks of publications and the potential benefits for all stakeholders and particularly for participating communities. For example,	There is a strong bias toward publishing in high-impact journals written in English. These are accessible mainly to other researchers in English speaking countries. Part of your	Find out about the type of audience that reads the journals in which you are thinking of publishing your work. Decide the media that best matches



in a scenario of political instability, can your paper be used by any of the parties for their own benefit or to support a punitive response toward participating communities?

will our findings be used to support the development of punitive policies? Being mindful of this can helpfully influence how you write your paper.

Discuss with your team the process of construction of papers for publication including authorship order that reflects the contribution of each in the project. Use journal guidelines for authorship to help shape these conversations. Thank and acknowledge all those who have supported the project in ways that do not warrant authorship. Be generous.

ethical decision-making is around how to publish in places that will also be accessible to participating communities and by local service providers who may be able to use the findings to enhance services for the benefit of the community.

your goals and your target audience.

Create a precedent for ethical practice by including meaningful discussion of your ethical challenges and solutions in your paper. This can also be provided as feedback to ethical committees to guide future research.