**Database of Hoarding-Related Initiatives**

**Project Title**:

**Hoarding Behaviours–A basic understanding and methods of working**

**Project Location**:

Recorded course will be hosted on youTube

**Project Lead**:

Marie Bateson and Sian Pelleschi (APDO President)

**Lead Organization**:

Association of Professional Declutterers and organisers.

**Other Organizations involved**:

**Project Start date**: 01/09/2023\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Project end date**: \_\_01/09/2024\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Funding obtained from?**

Very little funding required and this came from APDO and the remaining time was voluntary.

**Project Outline**

Aims:

To provide a course for our members and interested parties which will then be adjusted for corporate training.

Many members seek my advise and mentoring due to my extensive training and experience working one on one with people who hoard over the last 7+ years. Until now they have had to go outside our association to take courses.

The objectives are:

**Following this course, you will have a strong understanding of hoarding behaviours.**

Know the myths surrounding people who hoard.

Be aware of the effects of hoarding.

The reasons why people might develop hoarding disorder.

How to work with clients. Working methods.

Be aware of confidentiality & privacy handling.

Procedure: I wrote the course, the board and APDO trainers assessed it.

Myself and Sian (president) have made changes and started to record which will be complete next month. I am delivering it.

Sian created the slides and will create the electronic workbook,

Measures of success?

**Advice to share – Do’s and Donts?**

**Website/other links to the project report (if any):**

**Additional thoughts – e.g. what we wished we had done, what was perhaps missing?**

**I wish we had more time and had been able to get this out before now.**