Embedding a culture of research integrity

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Shared responsibility

Understands and demonstrates standards of good research practice in the institution and discipline area. Seeks guidance as necessary.

Researcher Developers
- Acts with professional integrity and honesty, takes especial care in information/data handling and dissemination and engagement with others.
- Demonstrates standards of good research practice without need for guidance and encourages professional integrity in others.

Research administrators
- Acts as exemplar to and advises peers and less experienced members of staff, respecting their views and engaging effectively in discussion.

Research integrity advisers / champions
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Ethics committee

Specialist staff (e.g. library / data management)

PhD students

Postdocs

Technicians

New academics

Supervisors

PIs and leaders

Sets expectations and standard of conduct. Advises all staff and contributes to institutional and disciplinary policy/practice.

Shapes policy and procedures of good practice in research in the HE sector, professional associations and bodies.
Review of research integrity

- Internal and external consultation
- Cross-University Working Group – Summer 2015
- Appointment of Research Integrity Champions and Advisers
- More extensive opportunities for training
- Improved communication and visibility
- Revised policies and procedures for instilling good practice and investigating alleged misconduct
Research integrity advisers
(School / Research Institute level)

- Local point of contact, to raise profile of research integrity training and policies
- Providing advice to researchers (staff and students) about good research practice or integrity, and informed support for those who may be considering whether to make an allegation of misconduct
- Liaising with the College Research Integrity Champion to try to resolve misconduct allegations locally, or referral to the Research Strategy and Innovation office
- Providing feedback or advice to RSIO on policies, communication, training etc.
- ‘Adviser Log’ and annual meeting
Communication

- Annual assurance statement
- Webpages, resources and film
- Induction resources
- Campus newsletter
- Hard copies of Concordat and Nuffield report on research culture
- Appraisal form
- Moodle for advisers/champions
- Links with other institutional support services (e.g. data management, open access)
- Research strategy – emphasis on quality not quantity