Concordat Commitments

**COMMITMENT #2:**
We are committed to ensuring that research is conducted according to appropriate ethical, legal and professional frameworks, obligations and standards.

**Employers of researchers** are responsible for:

- having clear policies on ethical approval available to all researchers
- making sure that all researchers are aware of and understand policies and processes relating to ethical approval
- supporting researchers to reflect best practice in relation to ethical, legal and professional requirements
- having appropriate arrangements in place through which researchers can access advice and guidance on ethical, legal and professional obligations and standards
Integrated Online Application System

- Online Application with filter system
- Online review workflows
- Document Management
Benefits of new system

- Educational
- Online Ethics System
- Records
- Time Saving
- Easy to use
New areas of focus

- Increased amount of ethics training
- Improvements to our website and guidance
- Tightening up existing policy
- Piloting a new minimal risk process
- Beginning the audit process
Concordat commitments

COMMITMENT #1:
We are committed to maintaining the highest standards of rigour and integrity in all aspects of research.

COMMITMENT #3:
We are committed to supporting a research environment that is underpinned by a culture of integrity and based on good governance, best practice and support for the development of researchers.
Supporting the Research Integrity Culture

• Website and Leaflet
  – Summarises the Colleges expectations of its researchers
  – Include both internal and external sources of advice
  – Advice and guidance if research misconduct is suspected
  – Contact details of responsible officer
Supporting the Research Integrity Culture

- Building integrity training into other training sessions
- Support from UKRIO
- Building online training videos
Current Problems

• Training sessions are not mandatory
• Difficulty in capturing a wide audience
• Difficulty educating well established researchers
Next steps

Research Integrity working group...