

What happens to good practice in practice: research misconduct

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Research Misconduct Review: background

- Employer-led system
- Increased scrutiny due to concerns about:
 - Integrity of research base
 - Funder and public confidence
 - UK's international standing
- 2023 UKRIO expert working group to review the challenges faced by employers, funders, publishers and researchers in investigating allegations of misconduct.

Research Misconduct Review: findings

- Different experience of the issues
- **But strong common themes:**
 - **Lack of clarity**
 - **Lack of confidence**
 - **Need for culture change**
- Parliament and research bodies focused on possible future regulator
- But **some immediate steps could reduce barriers to effective investigations and improve the experience for all**

Research Misconduct Review: recommendations

- **Adoption of standardised requirements and procedures** detailing how allegations are investigated and reported
- **Professional research misconduct investigation training** for all sectors undertaking research
- **A flagging system** to promote transparency, destigmatise, and normalise early raising of concerns
- **National infrastructure to collect and report** on research misconduct cases annually