2023 activity

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

Committee meetings

January / April / July / October. In January the committee was hosted by GSK in Stevenage and in April we'll be in Wales with Higher Education Funding Council Wales (HEFCW). The committee will meet in London in July and in Northern Ireland in October. Our agendas and minutes are published on our website and short reports from the meetings are included in our newsletters. Sign up here.

Accountability workshops

Publication: A conversation starter on accountability in relation to research integrity with stakeholders from across the sector. [**Pillar 2**]. This work created an opportunity to convene a wide group of stakeholders who do not necessarily discuss research integrity every day, and the report is informing future committee discussions with stakeholders.

Research Integrity in the UK: annual statement 2023

Publication: Will pull together evidence on state of research integrity in the UK. [**Pillar 1**]. Set a baseline for the UK, including information on research misconduct and retractions, against which progress and trends can be measured. The statement will provide an annual focal point for discussion around research integrity, drawing it to the attention of policy makers and senior leaders and encouraging them to consider what else can be done to support research integrity within their own organisations.

Research integrity indicators

Convening: We will hold a series of workshops to build on the discussion document on research integrity indicators; working with stakeholders to define and describe current evidence, practice and needs and to agree actions. [**Pillar 3**]. Build consensus on what indicators (if any) are valuable to improving and supporting the highest levels of research integrity in the UK, whether they aid individual organisations in identifying issues or provide sector-level trends for funders or government to address.

Review of annual statements on research integrity from higher education institutions

Publication: First ever comprehensive review of HEI statements to add to the evidence base of the state of research integrity in the UK higher education research system [**Pillars 1 & 3**]. This work will indicate compliance with the revised Concordat, a key concern of the 2018 Science & Technology Select Committee but will also draw out HEI exemplars to be shared and drive further good practice.

Research integrity case studies

Publication: A collection of cases where efforts to improve research integrity have been successful. [**Pillar 1**]. The cases will make the topic of research integrity more accessible to those who are not already strongly engaged in the area. They will provide real-life examples that will encourage others to adopt similar practices.

Mapping influences on research integrity in the UK

Publication: Examine who is involved in, and influencing, the research integrity landscape in the UK. [**Pillars 2 & 4**]. Produce a map of the key influencers to enable the entire research system to better understand who is actively reinforcing, advising, promoting, etc. research integrity in the UK. Allow future interventions to be targeted through the channels most likely to have impact.

Addressing poor research practice and research misconduct working group

Convening: A working group to draw on the experience of existing bodies within the research ecosystem to enable a fresh insight into misconduct and poor research practice, creating a shared understanding of strengths, weaknesses and opportunities to support improvement in this area [**Pillar 4**]. Will make evidence-based recommendations for addressing research misconduct and poor research practices in the UK. The outcomes of this work will increase confidence in the way the system currently works or make suggestions for improvements that will lead to greater confidence.

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