

Minutes of the UK Committee on Research Integrity Business meeting 23 July 2025

Time: 15:00 – 16:00

Location: UK Research and Innovation, Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill St, London

Attendees	
Rachael Gooberman-Hill (Co-chair)	Chris Graf
Jil Matheson (Interim co-chair)	Jeremy Watson
Jane Alfred	Ralitsa Madsen
Nandini Das	Tolulope Ayanbola, UK Committee on Research Integrity Strategy Advisor
Louise Dunlop	Irene Fernow, UK Committee on Research Integrity Secretariat Lead
Ian Gilmore	

1. Welcome

- 1.1. The UK Committee on Research Integrity ('the Committee') was welcomed to the business meeting.
- 1.2. Apologies were noted from Maria Delgado and Miles Padgett.
- 1.3. The meeting objectives were to:
 - ratify next steps for the Committee's future priorities
 - discuss and approve next steps for workstreams
- 1.4. Members approved the minutes of the 30 April 2025 business meeting.

1.5. The action log from the 30 April 2025 meeting was reviewed.

Assigned to	Action	Status
Members	Committee to discuss and shape plans for the next two years at the July 2025 Committee meeting.	Completed
Members	Committee to prepare and submit a response to the consultation about the refresh of the Magenta book.	Completed
Members	Members to indicate interest in attending the ENRIO 2025 congress.	Completed

2. Committee priorities

2.1. The Committee reaffirmed its commitment to a UK research system grounded in integrity, transparency, and accountability. Key priorities for the next 21 months include:

- Developing a national roadmap for research integrity in consultation with stakeholders.
- Embedding the refreshed Concordat to Support Research Integrity across sectors.
- Advancing work on research misconduct and generative AI (GenAI) in research.

2.2. Members reflected on discussions regarding the development of a UK roadmap for research integrity and endorsed plans to assess gathered evidence to consider sector evidence gaps and requirements.

2.3. It was agreed that the secretariat would undertake analysis of stakeholder engagement and produce a stakeholder engagement plan to inform the Committee's work across the system.

2.4. It was further agreed that an updated programme plan for 2025-2027 would be shared for approval at the next meeting on 1 October.

Actions:

- **Secretariat** to share vision and evidence mapping materials for member input.
- **Secretariat** to undertake stakeholder analysis and produce a stakeholder engagement plan.
- **Co-chairs and Secretariat** to develop the 2025-2027 programme of work for discussion and approval on 1 October.

3. Next steps for workstreams

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- 3.1. The Committee's work on AI identified a substantial body of evidence and materials from within the UK and internationally on AI and Research Integrity.
- 3.2. The group is developing a consensus document to facilitate consensus and provide sector guidance, with early ideas forming around a sustainable UK model for managing ongoing developments within the area.

Poor Research Practice and Research Misconduct

- 3.3. Members were informed that work with [RAND Europe](#) to deliver the '[Addressing research misconduct in the UK](#)' tender was progressing well. An early output regarding international models for managing research misconduct was shared at the [Metascience 2025](#) conference.
- 3.4. The Committee's cross sector working group will consider study findings and share reflections for the Committee's consideration in the autumn.

4. Stakeholder engagement

- 4.1. Members were thanked for their continued engagement with stakeholders and across the sector.
- 4.2. Committee members reported extensive engagement with UKRI councils, government departments, publishers, and international bodies. Discussions covered the role of integrity in funding, AI governance, and sector-wide collaboration. The Committee also presented at major conferences, including Metascience 2025.
- 4.3. Members noted positive feedback on the 2025 annual statement and agreed to explore future opportunities to create accessible engagement materials and consider use of social media. The value of promoting and celebrating research integrity was noted and members agreed to consider future opportunities to embed research integrity across institutions.

Action:

- **Secretariat** to explore opportunities to create accessible Committee engagement materials, such as infographics and discipline-specific resources.

5. Any other business

- 5.1. There was no other business raised in advance.

- 5.2. The Committee reflected on the Concordat refresh and its positive reception by the research community.
- 5.3. Members expressed agreed to develop a proposal for the 2026 World Conference on Research Integrity.
- 5.4. The committee discussed their draft response to the UKRI [research data policy](#) and members were asked to provide further input before submission.

Actions:

- **Secretariat** to schedule Committee discussions regarding 2026 WCRI proposal.
- **Members** to input into the Committee's draft response to the [UKRI research data policy consultation](#) prior to finalisation and submission.

6. Standing items

6.1. Equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) considerations

- The Committee reflected on EDI considerations in Committee workstreams. Members noted the importance of considering EDI implications in relation to all its activities and projects.
- Co-chairs for the addressing poor research practices and research misconduct workstream highlighted attention to diversity in the project, including in relation to data sampling and working group membership.
- Members of the AI working group highlighted the bias in development and training of AI tools. The working group aims to represent various disciplines and sectors in its project plans.
- Members discussed the recently published annual statement analysis. For future work, members shared that it would be valuable to:
 - a. engage with institutions that are not publishing annual statements on research integrity.
 - b. consider opportunities to further embed the Concordat across institutions and sectors and reflect on barriers to inform development of targeted interventions.

6.2. Communication matters arising

- Members emphasised the importance of accessible documents for Committee engagements.
- The Committee thanked the UK Research and Innovation for their hospitality in hosting the Committee meeting.

6.3. Reflections on the meeting, ways of working

▪ Marking the start of its extended two-year term through April 2027, the session focused on the Committee's role shaping the future of research integrity in the UK, with updates across workstreams and forward planning. Progress was shared across four strategic pillars:

1. **Promote Integrity:** The 2025 Annual Statement was published, incorporating sector feedback and data analysis. The AI working group launched guidance on GenAI and plans a cross-sector agreement on principles and commitments.
2. **Support Integrity:** Work following the UK Concordat to Support Research Integrity refresh continues, with a new operating model under development. The Signatories Group will meet in September to review reporting templates and drive awareness and adoption.
3. **Define the Evidence Base:** In conjunction with the Research Integrity Concordat Signatories (RICS) Group, the Committee commissioned Research Consulting to carry out an analysis of annual statements from Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Government departments and Independent Research Organisations published between 2022-2024. Research Consulting have completed a comprehensive analysis of annual statements from universities and government bodies. The report shows a maturing research integrity landscape across the UK and highlights a series of emerging trends and initiatives through a comprehensive collection of case studies.
4. **Build New Directions:** The Committee reflected on progress on the addressing poor research practices and research misconduct project being undertaken by RAND Europe. The Committee's cross sector working group continues to meet regularly to discuss developments and share feedback on the project.

Looking ahead, the Committee remains committed to fostering a culture of integrity across the UK research landscape, ensuring that its work reflects sector needs and drives meaningful change.

7. Close, and date of next meeting

- 7.1. Members of the Committee were thanked for their time and positive contributions. The next Committee meeting will be held on 1 October 2025.

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