

Minutes of the UK Committee on Research Integrity Business meeting 1 October 2025

Time: 3pm – 4pm

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

Attendees	
Rachael Goberman-Hill (Co-chair)	Chris Graf
Jil Matheson (Interim Co-chair)	Ralitsa Madsen
Jane Alfred	Claire Henderson, UK Committee on Research Integrity Senior Strategy Advisor
Maria Delgado	Elizabeth Saunders, UKRI Senior Strategy Advisor
Louise Dunlop	Rebecca Veitch, UKRI Head of Research Integrity Strategy
Ian Gilmore	

1. Welcome

- 1.1. The UK Committee on Research Integrity was welcomed to the business meeting. Member apologies were noted from Nandini Das, Miles Padgett and Jeremy Watson. The meeting remained quorate. Secretariat apologies were noted from the Tolulope Ayanbola and Irene Fernow.
- 1.2. Members were invited to declare any interests in relation to items on the agenda. None were raised.
- 1.3. The meeting objectives were to:
 - discuss and approve the suggested revisions to the committee's terms of reference and risk register
 - ratify next steps for the committee's future priorities
- 1.4. The minutes of the 23 July 2025 committee meeting were approved. The action log was reviewed.

Assigned to	Action	Status
Secretariat	undertake a stakeholder analysis and produce a stakeholder engagement plan.	In progress
Secretariat	share vision and evidence mapping materials for member input.	Complete
Co-chairs and Secretariat	develop a draft programme plan for discussion and approval on 1 October.	Complete
Secretariat	explore opportunities to create accessible committee engagement materials, such as infographics and discipline-specific resources.	In progress
Secretariat	schedule committee discussions regarding 2026 WCRI proposal.	Complete
Members	input into the committee's draft response to the UKRI research data policy consultation prior to finalisation and submission.	Complete

- 1.5. The committee expressed its warm gratitude to Dame Jil Matheson for her work as interim co-chair between April and October 2025. The committee would be pleased to welcome Professor Miles Padgett as a co-chair from November 2025 onwards.

2. Governance matters

- 2.1. The committee reviewed its terms of reference and suggested editorial changes to reflect its next phase of work. Revisions would be approved via correspondence before being presented to UKRI CEO as the committee's senior responsible officer.
- 2.2. The committee discussed and approved the revisions to the risk register as summarised in the below table. The revisions better aligned the risks to the committee's updated terms of reference.
- 2.3. In addition to the revisions presented, the committee requested the inclusion of a new risk relating to secretariat resource and advised that this and the other risk relating the resource (resourcing workstreams) should be given the highest risk score for impact (5).

Risk title	Summary of changes
Strategy	Close this risk as now captured by the future governance risk and new influence risk.

Governance	Pivoted from focus on governance of the committee to focus on governance of research integrity in the UK research system.
Collaboration	Updated language
Influence	New risk proposed to capture the importance of strong communications and engagement for the committee to have maximum influence on the sector.
Good governance	Updated language
Resourcing workstreams	Updated language
Programme planning	Re-focused to delivery of the programme of work within the 2-year extension to maximise impact.

Action:

- **Secretariat** to revise Terms of Reference and recirculate to the committee for approval.
- **Secretariat** to make revisions to the risk register in addition to those presented, including the inclusion of a new risk relating to secretariat resource and the increase of impact scores for both resource risks.

3. Next steps for workstreams

- 3.1. The committee reflected that the earlier workshop session had been useful to map the interdependencies in its programme of work and that this would be used to inform a timed formal programme plan, with a critical path to take the committee through its term.
- 3.2. Next steps would include the development of a communication and engagement plan and kick off meetings for the new workstreams to agree the scope of each project, resource required, milestones, outputs and deliverables.

4. Next steps for committee priorities

Artificial intelligence (AI)

- 4.1. Acknowledging the complex landscape, the working group had commissioned a report to analyse the similarities and gaps in available frameworks and guidance on the use of generative AI in research. This report was expected to facilitate the committee in convening professional bodies to discuss where policy could usefully be harmonised and where divergence was necessary.
- 4.2. Members reflected that UKRIO's [guidance](#) on using AI with integrity (published in June 2025) was welcome and useful.

- 4.3. A workshop to discuss the commissioned analysis with key stakeholders was planned for November 2025.

Poor research practice and research misconduct

- 4.4. The committee was pleased to hear about the roundtable that the working group convened at the end of September with early career researchers to discuss poor research practice and research misconduct. The committee was interested in the insights that came through from the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences group and the STEM group, especially in relation to what makes research integrity training most effective and their perspectives on how research integrity policies are applied in practice. Members expressed gratitude to all those early career researchers who had engaged.

5. Any other business

- 5.1. There was no other business raised.

6. Standing items

6.1. Equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) considerations

- **Programme of work:** The committee will continue to keep EDI considerations central to the work that is being planned, including within the work itself, the impact of that work and considering the beneficiaries of that work.
- **Engaging a variety of views:** Members reflected on how useful the recent engagement with early career researchers had been which served as a reminder to the committee about how important it was to gain a range of perspectives from the full breadth of the research system. Members reaffirmed their commitment to consulting widely on the future programme of work.

6.2. Communication matters arising

- The committee shared details of upcoming speaking engagements they had been invited to, these included:
 - European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO)/European Molecular Biology Conference (EMBC) session on National Frameworks for Research Integrity: Member, Jane Alfred had been invited to present on behalf of the committee in November 2025.
 - Falling Walls Science Summit: Co-chair, Rachael Gooberman-Hill, had been invited to take part in a panel discussion centred around science integrity in the age of artificial intelligence. The summit would be held in November 2025.

6.3. Reflections on the meeting, ways of working

Members conveyed their enthusiasm for the programme of work ahead and showed their appreciation for the ongoing consultative approach. It was noted how the revisions to the terms of reference reflected how the committee had matured since its inception.

7. Close, and date of next meeting

- 7.1. The chairs thanked committee members for their time and positive contributions. The next committee meeting would be held on 22 January 2026.

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