**Research Integrity Annual Report: 2019-2020**

**Introduction**

With the review of the Concordat and the subsequent publication of the revised Concordat to Support Research Integrity together with the UKRI commissioned study, Research Integrity: a landscape study (2020), we have set up an additional working group to look at the implications this report on our current structures and procedures around Research Integrity. This is scheduled to report in early 2021. In the interim, we continue to engage through the established structure with the requirements and recommendations of the Concordat and its Commitments, including monitoring, reviewing and the provision of training.

**COVID-19 – ENRIO and UKRIO**

With the onset of the COVID-19, we have promulgated the statements from both ENRIO and UKRIO including re-emphasis of the rules that govern peer- reviewed, robust and trustworthy research and the importance of transparency in the use of media.

**University Policies and Regulations on Research Integrity and on Studies involving Human Participants**

The relevant UPRs RE01 and RE02 were reviewed as per the normal annual schedule and no amendments were recommended for policy and regulation with regard to COVID-19, although updated local guidance was issued for clarification regarding research in the context of a pandemic.

**Cases of Research Misconduct**

There were no formal cases of research misconduct, for either academic staff or research degree students, instigated during this period. There were two reported informal reviews ( one student/one staff) where the allegations proved non-substantive and were resolved informally.

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