**Annual Report on Research Integrity 2020-2021**

1. **University Policies and Regulations (UPRs) on Research Integrity and on Studies involving Human Participants**

The following UPRs, of direct and indirect relevance to Research Integrity, were reviewed and re-approved, in line with our annual process:

* [Bribery and Corruption (Section 7.4.1. Conflict in Interest in Research) – UPR GV12](http://sitem.herts.ac.uk/secreg/upr/pdf/GV12-Bribery%20and%20Corruption-v03.0.pdf)
* [Data Management Policy (and Appendices i - iv) – UPR IM12](http://sitem.herts.ac.uk/secreg/upr/IM12.htm)
* [Data Protection - UPR IM08](http://sitem.herts.ac.uk/secreg/upr/IM08.htm)
* [Ethics Committees with Delegated Authority (ECDAs) – UPR RE01, Appendix II](http://sitem.herts.ac.uk/secreg/upr/RE01.htm)
* [Protocol for Reflective Practitioner Work by Academic Staff – UPR RE01, Appendix](http://sitem.herts.ac.uk/secreg/upr/RE01.htm)
* [Research Misconduct – UPR RE02](http://sitem.herts.ac.uk/secreg/upr/RE02.htm)
* [Studies Involving the Use of Human Participants – UPR RE01](http://sitem.herts.ac.uk/secreg/upr/RE01.htm)

1. **Cases of Research Misconduct**

There were no formal cases of research misconduct for staff or postgraduate research students. There was one informal case in respect of postgraduate research supervision – this was reviewed and resolved locally.

1. **Working Group on Revised Concordat**

This was convened in 2020 and was tasked with ascertaining the implications of the revised Concordat to Support Research Integrity together with the UKRI commissioned study, Research Integrity: a landscape study (2020). No significant gaps in provision were found but the group continues to meet to look at ongoing enhancements.

4 **Enhancing Research Cultures Funding**

We applied successfully for funds from Research England’s Enhancing Research Cultures Funding to run an internal project on Research Integrity. This focused on an expansion of our research integrity training, particularly in respect of PGRs and ECRs and we hope to roll out a second stage next year.

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