

Freedom of Information
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Dear Requestor,

Many thanks for your request received on August 11th, regarding the 2012 Concordat to Support Research Integrity. Please find below the response to your enquiry.

This is a Freedom of Information request regarding the [2012 Concordat to Support Research Integrity](#). Please confirm if your institution has signed the concordat and is following the commitments outlined in the concordat.

The Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine was until very recently a partner of Liverpool University, therefore was a signatory of this Concordat via their membership. Therefore, the School has not signed the concordat, but I can confirm that since becoming a Higher Education Institute in its own right, the School has began the process of becoming a signatory.

I can further confirm that we are signatories to the ROI (Research Office Integrity www.ori.hhs.org) scheme in the US. We also have policies to deal with fraud and clear guidelines for researchers as well as planned training sessions with Good Clinical Practice updates.

If your institution has signed what impact has this had on the research conducted at your university?
Has this reduced the number of instances of research misconduct?

This includes instances of:

- Fabrication or falsification of data, information or processes
- Plagiarism /fraud

- Deception (providing false information)
- Impersonation / misrepresentation
- Violation of ethical standards regarding human or animal experiments including failure to obtain ethical approval
- Ghost writing
- Copyright violations

Please provide the number of instance of research misconduct before the signing of the 2012 Concordat to Support Research Integrity (3 years before) as well as the number of instances after signing. Please provide a full copy of any databases/spreadsheets from which information was extracted in response to this request. In the event that these records contain columns that hold personal information covered by data protection provisions, please simply delete the offending columns and send the rest of the data without them.

Please see the above response.

If your institution **has not** yet signed the concordat do you plan on signing it? If so when?

The School is currently in discussion to become a signatory, but at present, we do not have a timescale as to when this will be.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response, please contact us within a reasonable time (within 2 months of this response) to library@lstmed.ac.uk

If you remain dissatisfied, you may appeal this decision to the Information Commissioner. The contact details for the Information Commissioner are Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, or via the website www.ico.gov.uk.

Should you require any further information or assistance in this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Many Thanks,



Dan Roche

Freedom of Information Compliance Officer

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