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	Obligation	Action	Carried over			The targeted <u>impact</u> of the action	The second second	Progress update		ng Outcome (ongoing/carried
Enrice	Obligation ment and Culture	Action	from previous action plan?	Deadline	Responsibility	(success measure)	Somments (optional)	Progress update		forward/no further action)
	ment and Culture ess and engagement						UNIVERSITYOF PORTSMOUTH		HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEAR	CH CH
The aims	of these obligations are to work towards an open and inclusive research culture,	and to ensure broad understanding and awareness of thi	s amongst rese							
		Consider broadening the scope of beneficiaries in line with Technician Commitment - initial scoping in year 1	N	Q2 2024	Env.&Strategy &	Scoping: Carry out a consultation, through the Researcher Development Group and wider stakeholders, on the possible benefits and implications of including technicians as beneficiaries by January 2024.	Priority area: Developing research talent: Recruitment, development,			
ECI1	Ensure all relevant staff are aware of the Concordat.	to expand to actions in years 2&3			Director RIS	If it is agreed to include technicians, a working group to be established to identify actions and intended impact by March 2024.	progression and next job			
						Identified actions will be completed by Q3 2026 and will be measured through focus groups and relevant staff survey questions.				
	Ensure institutional policies and practices relevant to researchers are inclusive,	Build concordat requirements into internal funding schemes - exploratory action, leading to impact action	N	Q2 2025	Env.&Strategy &	By the end of year 3, key concordat requirements to be embedded in all centrally led funding schemes, and in at least 2 Faculty schemes.	Priority area: Culture. The impacts of this will occur outside of the period,			
ECI2	equitable and transparent, and are well-communicated to researchers and their managers.	for yrs 2 or 3			Director RIS		however, as part of this action we will identify how we are going to track			
		Administer a 'pulse' survey in the years that CEDARS is not running to collect views and input	N	I) annually from Q1	I) RDG II) RDG	I) One pulse survey administered in the years when CEDARS is not running, to gain current feedback from researchers, and key	Priority area: Culture.			
		from both researchers and their managers. This will also be an opportunity to remind both groups about the		2024	II) KDG	findings shared with RDG for consideration and agreement of resulting actions including timelines. II) Analysis shared with RDG for consideration and agreement of resulting actions including timelines and targets where appropriate				
		concordat and our obligations		II) Q2 2024		in / maryon or ance with the end of consideration and agreement or recoming animaline and targets where appropriate				
	Regularly review and report on the quality of the research environment and	ii) Analyse UoP's CEDARS results with the sector aggregate results to identify any future areas of								
ECI6	culture, including seeking feedback from researchers, and using the outcomes to improve institutional practices.	activity.								
		The obligation is also supported through reviewing and reporting on other action areas in this action plan and								
		through existing provision and/or initiatives embedded centrally and locally across the institution, particularly								
		through our management of REF.								
ECR1	Encourage researchers to actively contribute to the development and maintenance of a supportive, fair and inclusive research culture and be a	Set up a welcome scheme for new research staff from outside UK	N	Q3 2024	RIS, Director CPD	Welcome scheme in place and process established to support all new non-UK research staff. 70% of participants in scheme report that they benefitted from the scheme captured through focus group or survey.	Priority area: Culture.			
	supportive colleague, particularly to newer researchers and students.									
	g and mental health of these obligations are to champion positive wellbeing amongst researchers, bot	th through appropriate training and enabling new ways of	f working.							
	Promote good mental health and wellbeing through the effective management	See action for EM1.	-	-	-	-	T-			
ECI3	of workloads and people. Ensure managers of researchers are effectively trained in relation to wellbeing	See action for EM1.	-	-	-	-	-			
ECI4	and mental health.	See action for EM1.								
ЕСМ3	Ensure managers promote a healthy working environment that supports researchers' wellbeing and mental health.	See action for EWT.	-		-		-			
		No individual action identified here as fully covered by	-		-	-	-			
ECM4	Ensure managers consider fully flexible working requests and other appropriate arrangements to support researchers.	institutional policy and processes applicable to all managers but will also be covered by 'Obligations as a								
		manager of research staff event and resource.								
ECR3	Ensure researchers take positive action towards maintaining their wellbeing and mental health.	See action for EWT.			-					
	and harassment of these obligations are to eliminate bullying and harassment in the research syst	tem, tackled through progressive policies and secure me	chanisms to ac	Idress incider	nts.					
	1	No individual action identified here as fully covered by	-		-		-			
ECI3	Promote a healthy working environment through effective policies and practice for tackling discrimination, bullying and harassment, including providing	institutional policy and processes applicable to all managers but will also be covered by 'Obligations as a								
	appropriate support for those reporting issues.	manager of research staff' event and resource.								
ECM3	Ensure managers encourage reporting and addressing incidents of discrimination, bullying and harassment	SEE ECI3	-	-	-	-	-			
	discrimination, bullying and harassment.	SEE ECI3	_	-	-	-	-			
ECR4	Ensure researchers use available mechanisms to report staff who fail to meet the expected standards of behaviour in relation to discrimination, harassment and bullying.									
Equality,	diversity and inclusion			—						
	of these obligations are to ensure managers and researchers are trained in-, awa	re of- and adopt practices enhancing equality, diversity a	and inclusion.							
		Following review as per 2021-23 action plan, no new actions were identified. This is covered by existing		-	-	-	-			
ECI4 /	Ensure managers undertake relevant training and development opportunities related to equality, diversity and inclusion, and put this into practice in their	mandatory training requirement for all managers and other action addressing EDI within the 2023-36 plan								
ECM1	work.	e.g. PCDR2 & routine monitoring of EDI data and issues within the Researcher Development Group.								
		No action identified here as fully covered by	-	-	-	-	-			
ECR2	Ensure researchers act in accordance with employer and funder policies related to equality, diversity and inclusion.	institutional policy and processes applicable to all researchers.								
Research	h Integrity									
	of these obligations are to ensure managers and researchers are trained in-, awa	re of- and maintain high standards of research integrity,	and are able to	report infring	ements or miscon	duct.				
		Following review as per 2021-23 action plan, no new actions were identified. This is covered by existing	-	-	-	-	-			
ECI5 /	Ensure researchers and their managers are aware of, and act in accordance	provision and obligations for all researchers and managers. The Senior Ethics Advisor who is								
ECM2	with, the highest standards of research integrity and professional conduct.	operationally responsible for Research Integrity is a member of the Researcher Development Group.								
		SEE ECIFIECMS			_					
ЕСМ3	Ensure managers report and address incidents of poor research integrity.	SEE ECI5/ECM2			-					
	Ensure researchers act in accordance with employer and funder policies related	SEE ECI5/ECM2		-	-	-	-			
ECR2	to research integrity.									
ECR4	Ensure researchers use available mechanisms to report staff who fail to meet the expected standards of behaviour in relation to research misconduct.	SEE ECI5/ECM2	-	-	-	-	-			
Policy de	the expected standards of behaviour in relation to research misconduct.									

The aims	of these obligations are to encourage all researchers to actively contribute to the	development of policies driving positive change at their institution.					
	I	No action required here as covered by the institutional -	I. I.		I-	I	
EI7	Consider researchers and their managers as key stakeholders within the institution and provide them with formal opportunities to engage with relevant organisational policy and decision-making.	systems and processes and will also be covered by 'Obligations as a manager of research staff' event and resource.					
ECM5	Encourage managers to engage with opportunities to contribute to policy development aimed at creating a more positive research environment and culture within their institution.	No action required here as covered by the institutional - systems and processes and will also be covered by 'Obligations as a manager of research staff' event and resource.		-	-		
EM5	Engage with opportunities to contribute to relevant policy development within their institution.	No action required here as covered by the institutional - systems and processes and will also be covered by 'Obligations as a manager of research staff' event and resource.	-	•	-		
ECR5	Encourage researchers to consider opportunities to contribute to policy development aimed at creating a more positive research environment and culture within their institution.	No action required here - these discussions will be held as part of the PDR process for all		-	-		
ER4	recognise and act on their role as key stakeholders within their institution and	No action required here - these discussions will be held as part of the PDR process for all			-		
Employ	the wider academic community.						
Recruitm	ent and induction						
The aims	of these obligations are to ensure recruitment of researchers is open and fair and	d researchers receive effective inductions into the organisation.					
El1	Ensure open, transparent and merit-based recruitment, which attracts excellent researchers, using fair and inclusive selection and appointment practices.	No action identified here as this is covered within the institutoral recruitment process that has recently been reviewed and changed to ensure greater fairness and inclusivity for all staff.	-		-		
El2	Provide an effective induction, ensuring that researchers are integrated into the community and are aware of policies and practices relevant to their position.	Build on previous induction actions and activities by Y seeking to provide an input at each of the school's local induction events where there are the highest number of research staff. (Sept 2023 84% of our research staff are housed in two faculties) ii) For research staff who are in small numbers, or sole researchers within a school, as well as receiving the induction email with key links to resources and	Q2 2026 RIS, Director of CPD	 induction input delivered at three school local induction events, to include signposting to in-person support and intranet resources feedback requested from all attendees on effectiveness and any gaps in offer. ii) Three group induction sessions provided, to include signposting to in-person support and intranet resources and feedback requested from all attendees on effectiveness and any gaps in offer. 	Priority area: Developing research talent: Recruitment, development, progression and next job		
Recognit	ion, reward and promotion	support, we will bring them together to attend a group induction session. (Sept. 2023 16% of our research staff are house in the remaining three faculties).					
The aims	of these obligations are to ensure the fair and inclusive recognition of researchers	s as part of their career progression.					
El3	Provide clear and transparent merit-based recognition, reward and promotion pathways that recognise the full range of researchers' contributions and the diversity of personal circumstances.	Following review as per 2021-23 action plan no new action identified. The Executive level review of academic roles and structures was halted. There is now an executive level review of the academic promotions policy underway which addresses this action.	-	-			
EM3	Managers commit to, and evidence, the inclusive, equitable and transparent recruitment, promotion and reward of researchers.	No action identified here as this is covered within the institutional processes for all staff.		-	-		
Responsi	l ibilities and reporting						
The aims	of these obligations are to ensure that researchers and their managers understan	nd and act on their obligations and responsibilities.					
EM2	Managers familiarise themselves, and work in accordance with, relevant employment legislation and codes of practice, institutional policies, and the terms and conditions of grant funding.	No action identified here as this is covered within the institutional processes and obligations for all managers working with grant funding.	-		-		
ER1	Researchers ensure that they work in accordance with, institutional policies, procedures and employment legislation, as well as the requirements of their funder.	No action identified here as this is covered within the institutional processes for all researchers working with grant funding.		•			
ER2	Researchers understand their reporting obligations and responsibilities.	No action required here as this forms part of every project, contract and PDR discussion	-	-	-		
People m	nanagement				1		
	of these obligations are to ensure that researchers are well-managed and have e	effective and timely performance reviews.					
EI4	Provide effective line and project management training opportunities for managers of researchers, heads of department and equivalent.	No action identified here as this is covered within the institutional mandatory training requirements for all managers and will be supported by the 'Obligations as a manager of research staff training.	-		-		
EI5	Ensure that excellent people management is championed throughout the organisation and embedded in institutional culture, through annual appraisals, transparent promotion criteria, and workload allocation.	No action identified here as this is covered within the institutional processes and policies, as well as the new People Strategy 2025	-	-	-	_	
EM1	Managers undertake relevant training and development opportunities so that they can manage researchers effectively and fulfil their duty of care.	Delivery of the Mental Health at Work First Aid Training for Pls to better support their Research Staff and creation of a set of guidelines and resources for Pls. II) Delivery of the 'Coaching for Research Success' project to upskill managers of researchers in their coaching skills to support their research staff.		1) 10 PIs undertake the training and report that it helped them feet more confident in supporting the mental health of their research staff. Best practice and resources to be cascaded to a wider group of PIs online. Impact also measured through an increase in positive responses to: CECHARS question 27 - II currently a manager of researchers, please indicate how confident you are in your ability to: respond to issues relating to health and wellbeing. CEDARS question 28 - II currently a manager of researchers, in which areas have you undertaken training: Mental health and wellbeing II) Project delivered by Q4 2025 - 75% of managers of research staff accessing the project state that they are more confident in managing researchers effectively.	Priority area: Culture.		
EM4	Managers actively engage in regular constructive performance management with their researchers.	No action required as this is built into the professional - development review process for all staff	-		-		
ER3	Researchers positively engage with performance management discussions and reviews with their managers.	No action identified as covered by existing mechanisms for engaging all staff in PDRs and reviews, as well as included in induction for Research staff specifically.	-		-		
Job secu			· · ·		<u> </u>	· 	•
The aim o	of this obligation is to improve the job security of researchers.						

Profession	Seek to improve job security for researchers, for example through more effective redeployment processes and greater use of open-ended contracts, and report on progress. onal and Career Development. hing professional development.	Review potential for open-ended contracts and how redeployment process works for research staff. This is a preparatory action that will lead to a future outcome oriented action in years 2 or 3. III. Pliot Postdoc pool approach to maximise and enhance opportunities for all current researchers on fixed term contracts to continue at 10pt, through an entity that acknowledges the value the University recognises comes from this community/group of staff. Optimise, enhance and increase engagement, and future progression, to include support with maintaining a portfolio of evidence (see PCDR3)	Ν		HR Business Manager RIS, DD	ii). Review to be completed and considered by Deputy Vice Chancelfor R and I by end of Q2 2024. Any arising actions from this review will be fully implemented by end of Year 3. III). At least 20% research staff to join the Pestdoc poof during the pilot period. (All research staff will receive annual updates on all support offered. Intropyl direct communication, through tiers ommunication, through tiers ommunication, through tiers ommunication. Through tiers ommunication, through tiers of the support offered through the properties of the support offered through the properties of the support	Priorly area: Developing research talent: Recruitment, development, progression and next job	
-	of these obligations are to promote the importance of professional development are	nd ensure researchers have the time to engage in it.						
PCDI1	Provide opportunities, structured support, encouragement and time for researchers to engage in a minimum of 10 days professional development pro rata per year, recognising that researchers will pursue careers across a wide range of employment sectors.	Pilot an internal work shadowing scheme for Research Staff	N	Q2 2025	RIS, DD Env.&Strategy & Director CPD		Priority area: Developing research talent: Recruitment, development, progression and next job. Also, see PCDR1.	
PCDI6	Monitor, and report on, the engagement of researchers and their managers with professional development activities.				Director CPD	Standing agends item included in all RDG meetings, to then lead to further actions for RDG if necessary.	Priority area: Culture.	
PCDM3	Managers allocate a minimum of 10 days pro rata per year, for their researchers to engage with professional development, supporting researchers to balance the delivery of their research and their own professional development.	I) Reinvigoration of the communication on the '10 days of development' through additional communication og through redesign of intranet page, cohort training programmes, blogs and induction materials. II) Deliver event and produce accompanying resource to reinforce 'Obligations as a Manager of Research Staff.'			Director CPD		Priority area: Culture. Based on only 11% of RS undertaking 10 days or more of development (CEDARS April 2023)	
PCDR1	Researchers take ownership of their career, identifying opportunities to work towards career goals, including engaging in a minimum of 10 days professional development pro rata per year.	Conduct focus groups to understand why there is a difference between no shows at training events between male and female academic staff. (Outcome from analysis of EDI data (events))	Y	Q4 2023	RIS EDI group		Priority area: Developing research talent: Recruitment, development, progression and next job. Action for PCOI1 also addresses this obligation. Outcome from analysing data from last period. The only difference in protected characteristics is what is being addressed here. All other aspects showed no significant differences.	
	velopment reviews	II						
The aims	of these obligations are to ensure researchers and their managers are engaging in	n productive career development reviews.						
PCDI2	Provide training, structured support, and time for managers to engage in meaningful career development reviews with their researchers.	Design through consultation and then deliver specific training for Pls on how to support their Research Staff to excell and progress	N	Q2 2025	RIS, DD Env.&Strategy	Al least 10 Pls participate in specific training and in co-creation of resources/templates for others to use. Pls feel better equipped to support RS in their careers. Captured through pre and post cohort survey. Follow up at 12 and 24 months to measure impact through focus groups and CEDARS question 27 - If currently a manager of researches how conflicted are you in your ability to eartively support staff in working towards their career ambitions and C29 To what extent do you agree with the following statements? My immediate manager supports me in my broader career aspirations.	Priority area: 'Developing research talent: Recruitment, development, progression and next job' and also relate to obligations PCDM1, PCDM4, PCDM2	
PCDI6	Monitor, and report on, the engagement of researchers and their managers with researcher career development reviews.		-		-		•	
PCDM1	Managers engage in regular career development discussions with their researchers, including holding a career development review at least annually.	No action required - this is embedded into institutional practice and requirements for PDRs. No action required - this is embedded into institutional	-				-	
PCDR4	Researchers positively engage in career development reviews with their managers.	practice and requirements for PDRs and message will be driven through drop in sessions and via Research Staff Forum.						
	velopment support and planning	and talled a recent and arthurs a state of	and our					
THE aims	of these obligations are to promote researchers' career development planning thro							
PCDI3	Ensure that researchers have access to professional advice on career management, across a breadth of careers.	Launch a post-doc 'drop-in' service for advice, guidance and signposting of and to career development and management support.	N	Q4 2023	Director of CPD	Drop in service is communicated to all current researchers and then to all new joiners as part of the research staff induction package (including links to intranet resources and relevant training events) that all receive when joining UcP. Impact on this service will be collected via satisfaction survey	Priority area: Developing research talent: Recruitment, development, progression and next job.	
	Researchers maintain an up-to-date professional career development plan and build a portfolio of evidence demonstrating their experience, that can be used to support job applications.	See El6	-	-	-		-	
	identity and leadership of these obligations are to provide researchers with opportunity to progress in their							
	Carried and objections to broken and	David Barrie						
PCDI4	Provide researchers with opportunities, and time, to develop their research identity and broader leadership skills.	Delivery of research staff cohort programme. Delivery of research staff cohort programme. Delivered in partnership with Researchers 14.			RIS, Director of CPD RIS, DD Env.&Strategy & Director CPD	careers. Ceptured through pre and post cohort survey.	Priority area: Developing research talent: Recruitment, development, progression and next job. Link to postdoc pool action.	
PCDM4	Managers identify opportunities, and allow time (in addition to the 10 days professional development allowance), for their researchers to develop their research identity and broader leadership skills, and provide appropriate credit and recognition for their endeavours.	The action described for PCDI2 aso addresses this obligation.		-	-		-	
PCDM5	Managers engage in leadership and management training to enhance their personal effectiveness, and to promote a positive attitude to professional development.	All managers are required to access the institutional Inclusive Leadership programme and/or other mandatory training, in addition to other specific training actions identified through this plan.	-	-	-	-	-	

PCDR5	Researchers to seek out, and engage with, opportunities to develop their research identity and broader leadership skills	This forms part of PDR discussions - no requirement for additional action	-	-	-	-		
Diverse	careers						,	
The aim:	of these obligations are to recognise, value and prepare researchers for the wide	range of career options available to them within and beyond research.						
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PCDI5	Recognise that moving between, and working across, employment sectors can bring benefits to research and researchers, and support opportunities for researchers to experience this.	III. Undertake exploratory work to look at potential learning points from KTP programmes that can be applied to postdoc professional development and careers support. III. Apply Research Staff lens to these two KEConc actions: III. Apply Research Staff lens to these two KEConc actions: III. Apply Research Staff lens to these two KEConc actions: III. Apply Research Staff with the skills, guidance and environment to build new and existing relationships environment to build new and existing relationships and environment to be benefit induction III. Upskilling Research Staff on research impact IV. Engagement with the Enterprise Programme for the benefit of Research Staff on the benefit of Research Staff on the programme for the benefit of Research Staff on the programme for the benefit of Research Staff on the programme for the benefit of Research Staff on the programme for the benefit of Research Staff on the programme for the benefit of Research Staff on the programme for the benefit of Research Staff on the programme for the benefit of Research Staff on the programme for the benefit of Research Staff on the programme for the benefit of Research Staff on the programme for the benefit of Research Staff on the programme for the program	Q3 2025 Q4 2025 Q2 2026 Q4 2025 Q2 2024	external partnerships RIS, DD Innov & external partnerships Research Impact Manager Innovation		Priority area: Impact through KE. Relevant to these clauses: PCDIS, PCDM2, PCDR2, PCDR6		
PCDM2	Managers support researchers in exploring and preparing for a diversity of careers, for example, through the use of mentors and careers professionals, training, and secondments.	Create an alumni group for ex research staff and develop engagement group Deliver the 'Mentoring Circles' project to upskill managers of researchers in facilitating mentoring circles.	Q2 2025	RIS & Alumni Team/HR		Priority area: Developing research talent: Recruitment, development, progression and next job. The actions described for PCDIS & PCDI2 also address this obligation		
PCDR2	Researchers explore and prepare for a range of employment options across different sectors, such as by making use of mentors, careers professionals, training and secondments.	Engaging with University wide plans for mentoring to ressure relevance to Research Staff & developing on the 2021-23 action to explore mentoring, sponsorship and advocacy particularly linked to EDI (a working group has been set up by RCB) (also to incorporate recommendation from Hidden Assets programme for peer mentoring stongside Research Staff)	Q4 2024	RIS, Director CPD	mentoring. Pilot project exploring upskilling sponsors and sponsees delivered, to include representation from research staff and their managers.	Priority area: Developing research talent: Recruitment, development, progression and next job. The actions described for PCDIS aso address this obligation.		
PCDR6	Researchers consider opportunities to develop their awareness and experience of the wider research system through, for example, knowledge exchange, policy development, public engagement and commercialisation.			-		-		

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Abbreviations and glossary (more rows can be added)									
RDG	Researcher Development Group								
DoCPD	Director of CPD								
RS	Research Staff								
RN	Researchers' Network								
RIS	Research and Innovation Services								
ICG	Institute of Cosmology and Gravitation								
RSF	Research Staff Forum								
HR	Human Resources								
RISSNET	Research and Innovation Support Staff Network								
AS	Athena Swan								
REC	Race Equality Charter								
SAH	Science and Health								
RISDP	Research and Innovation Staff Development Programme								
PDR	Professional Development Review								
KEF	Knowledge Exchange Framework								
DDRIS	Deputy Director Research and Innovation Services								
EDI	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion								
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