

## **ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY**

## ANNUAL STATEMENT ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY

2014

The following is an extract from the Review of Progress on Achieving our 2014 Research & Scholarship Targets, an annual report prepared by the Director of Research, Development and Commercial Services for Anglia Ruskin University's Board of Governors meeting each July.

Following on from HEFCE's decision that compliance with the *Concordat to Support Research Integrity* should become a condition of their research grant, we have carried out a review of our practice to ensure that this could be duly affirmed by the Vice Chancellor. This review was carried out by the Research Integrity Working Group, created by the Research Committee for the purpose, and involved a careful assessment of the requirements of the Concordat for the employers of researchers, and a collation of evidence demonstrating our compliance with each requirement. This built on the gap analysis which formed part of our Annual Statement in 2013.

The Working Group concluded that Anglia Ruskin University is compliant with the Concordat. Nonetheless, we recognise that improvements can always be made and to this end a number of actions to further strengthen research integrity in practice across our institution have been made. Not least, it was decided that the Research Integrity Working Group should continue to meet not less than twice annually to review current practice and recommend actions where appropriate. Other changes arising have been the extension of a requirement to undertake some form of research ethics training from research students and first supervisors to all undergraduate and masters students and their supervisors; and the inclusion in our Research Degree Regulations of a statement recognising our commitment to Research Integrity.

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