

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Expert Review Panel for the Review of the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers

30th April 2018, by teleconference

Attendance

Expert Review Panel Members:

David Bogle, UCL (Chair)
Emma Compton-Daw, University of Strathclyde
Liz Elvidge, Imperial College London / Researchers14
David Gavaghan, University of Oxford
Dave Jones, NIHR
Ciara Rooney, Queen's University Belfast
Matt Wenham, Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering

Secretariat:

Clare Bhunoo (BBSRC, Secretariat lead)
Joanna Dunster (AHRC)

Apologies:

James Henstock, University of Liverpool
Katie Normington, Royal Holloway
Rebekah Smith McGloin, Coventry University
Dave Watson, IBM (retired)

Item 1 – Introduction and Matters arising

1. David Bogle (DB) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the panel for their contributions to the review report.
2. The minutes of the meeting on 19th February 2018 were agreed. There were no outstanding actions.

Action: Secretariat to upload minutes of the third meeting to the UKRI website

[Update: these are now available]

Item 2 – Discussion of outstanding issues from the review report

3. The secretariat went through the outstanding issues from the draft report. These related to formatting of the report; and consistency / clarity over wording of certain sections of the review and recommendations. These were discussed and agreed by the panel.

Action: Secretariat to make suggested changes to the review report

[Update: these have been made]

Item 3 – Communications plan and next steps

4. The panel discussed plans for publishing the report and other communication activities. It was agreed that there should be coordination of activities in order to maximise the impact of the report's messages, and that the CSG member organisations should also play a key role in this.
5. DB informed the panel that he had requested meetings with Sir Mark Walport (Chief Executive of UK Research and Innovation, UKRI) and John Lockhead (BEIS Chief Scientific Advisor) to discuss the outcomes of the review.

6. It was suggested that the outcomes of the review should be communicated as broadly as possible, including events aimed at different stakeholder groups.
7. Panel members expressed a willingness to contribute to the communications and outcomes of the review going forward.

Action: Secretariat to speak with UKRI Communications team about coordinating activities.

[Update: UKRI are liaising with Concordat Strategy Group regarding the publication and communication of the review outcomes]

Item 4 – Close

8. DB thanked everyone again for their contributions throughout the review and closed the teleconference.