Preventing Harm (Safeguarding) in Research and Innovation

Timeline of events

October 2018
UK funders of international development research (UKRI, Wellcome Trust, Department of Health and Social Care, Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy and Department for International Development) issued a joint statement of commitment affirming their commitment to raise safeguarding standards across the research sector. [Here](#).

June 2019
On behalf of the funders of international development research (including UKRI), UK Collaborative on Development Research (UKCDR) published an evidence review of safeguarding in the international development research context to inform the development of safeguarding principles and good practice guidance. [Here](#).

April 2020
UKCDR published best practice guidance and principles to prevent and tackle harm and abuse across research for international development in general as well as in emergency situations such as the COVID-19 pandemic. [Here](#).

May 2020
UKRI publish a Preventing Harm (Safeguarding) in Research and Innovation policy applicable to all UKRI funded activities (the policy is not exclusive to international development funded activities).

Summer/Autumn 2020
UKRI will conduct consultation activities with the community to collect feedback on the UKRI published policy.

Winter 2020/21
UKRI will publish the finalised Preventing Harm (Safeguarding) in Research and Innovation policy taking into account feedback from the sector.

Spring 2021
UKRI's Preventing Harm (Safeguarding) in Research and Innovation policy will come into effect and apply to all UKRI funded activities going forward.