

RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT

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RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT IN THE UK

DEFINITIONS

Research data

materials *created or collected* to inform and validate research conclusions

Research data management

1) looking after data *during* a project; 2) preserving and sharing data *after* a project

RESEARCH FUNDING IN THE UK

- Research Councils UK (government funding)
- European Community (Horizon 2020)
- Charities (primarily science & medicine)
- Industrial partnerships

RESEARCH COUNCILS UK

- Arts & Humanities Research Council
- Biotechnology & Biological Sciences Research Council
- Economic & Social Research Council
- Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council
- Medical Research Council
- Natural Environment Research Council
- Science & Technology Facilities Council

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Data Protection
- Freedom of Information
- Contractual obligations

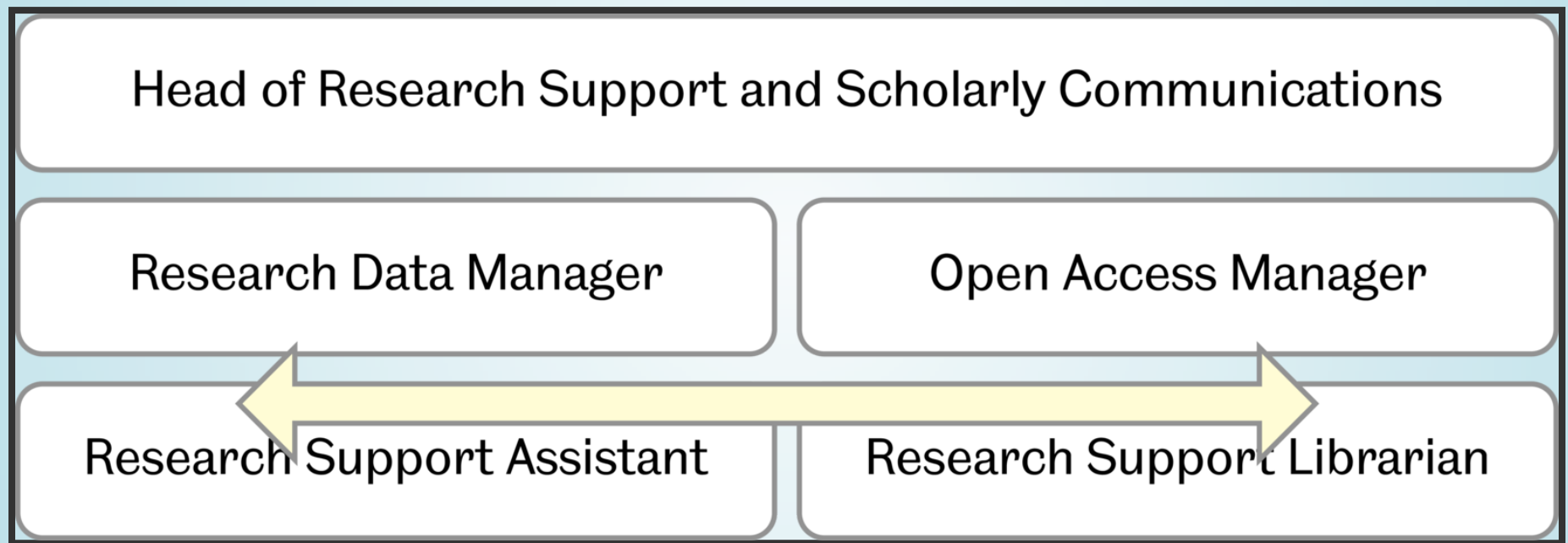
EXPECTATIONS ON INSTITUTIONS

- Policy
 - <http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/ris/other/gov-ethics/grippolicy/practices/all/rdmpolicy>
- Infrastructure
- Training & guidance

NATIONAL RESOURCES

- Jisc: national collaborations
- Digital Curation Centre: training, advice, guidance, policy, services, e.g. DMPonline
- National data centres, especially:
 - NERC data centre network
 - UK Data Archive (economic & social)
 - Archaeological Data Service

RESEARCH SUPPORT IN THE LIBRARY



BASICS

What we expect of researchers

1. Write a data management plan
2. Look after their data during collection, processing & analysis
3. Archive and share data with others

WRITE A DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN

Required for all funded projects (TUoS policy)

Also for *all* RCUK funding and most charities

Starting point: [DMPonline](#)

LOOK AFTER DATA

- *Organisation and documentation*
 - File & folder naming
 - Metadata
- Information security: backup & confidentiality
- Quality assurance
- *Rights*

ARCHIVE & SHARE DATA

- In order of preference:
 1. Discipline-specific repository
 2. ORDA
 3. Archive offline + metadata-only in ORDA
- Data citations/Data access statements

OUR SERVICE OFFER

WHAT WE DO

Develop and support ORDA (Online Research Data)

Review and feed back on data management plans

Provide training & guidance

Facilitate RDM research groups, institutes, departments
and faculties

Encourage local-level processes & services where sensible

Monitoring and raising awareness of compliance needs

WHO ELSE HELPS

- CICS (plus Faculty & Dept IT staff)
 - Active data storage (**10TB free per research group**)
 - Information Security & Data Protection
- RIS (plus Faculty & Dept support staff)
 - Data management planning
 - Costing
- Research Software Engineering
 - Skills for reproducible research

CURRENT PROJECTS

University-wide ORDA rollout

EPSRC compliance stock-take

Integrating local RDM systems: Insigneo

Faculty-level guidance: DMPonline in MDH

RDM 101 online module with White Rose libraries

Digital Preservation: Rosetta ↔ figshare integration

THE FUTURE?

Harvest metadata from external repositories

Identify and fill gaps in infrastructure

Data special collections

Software & Data Carpentry training

Adopt and scale local data management systems

Visualisation

Your ideas here...