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**GOVERNING BODY**

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AGENDA ITEM 19/20.1.21

<b>TITLE</b>	UUK RESEARCH INTEGRITY CONCORDAT – ANNUAL STATEMENT ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY 2018-19
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**REPORT FROM:**

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**ISSUE:**

Universities in receipt of a Research England grant are required to comply with the Concordat to Support Research Integrity published in 2012 by Universities UK. Integral to this compliance is an annual, public statement providing details of activities that enhance research integrity within universities. Through its alignment with the Concordat, the University is committed to submitting an annual overview report to its Governing Body of formal research integrity investigations.

**SUMMARY:**

**Concordat to Support Research Integrity**

The Concordat to Support Research Integrity seeks to provide a comprehensive national framework for good research conduct and its governance, and commits its members to:

- *Maintaining the highest standards of rigour and integrity in all aspects of research*
- *Ensuring that research is conducted according to appropriate ethical, legal and professional frameworks, obligations and standards*
- *Supporting a research environment that is underpinned by a culture of integrity and based on good governance, best practice and support for the development of researchers*
- *Using transparent, robust and fair processes to deal with allegations of research misconduct should they arise*
- *Working together to strengthen the integrity of research and to reviewing progress regularly and openly.*

**Statement:**

The University of Greenwich is committed to the principles outlined in the Concordat. Research integrity has a significant and growing visibility within the University, and this year has seen new policies on Research Ethics and Ethical Research Collaborations, building on last year's updates to the Codes of Practice. Research integrity forms part of the developmental sessions for all

academic staff engaging in research activities, delivered by the Research and Enterprise Training Institute (RETI), and for the first time this year, by James Parry, the Chief Executive of the UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO).

### **Handling allegations of research misconduct**

Public visibility of our Research Integrity processes is evident from the University research webpage (<https://www.gre.ac.uk/research/governance-and-awards/research-integrity>), which contains the Code of Practice, Procedures for Investigating Research Misconduct, the Research Ethics Policy and Academic Regulations for Research Awards.

### **Statement on formal research misconduct investigations**

There have been two formal investigations of allegations of research misconduct involving research students or members of staff during the period 2018/19. Both pertain to the authorship of scientific outputs - inclusion of a named individual has been alleged to be inappropriate due to lack of contribution, or that a contribution has not been duly acknowledged. Both matters are still being resolved.

### **ACTION REQUIRED**

that the Governing Body **notes** the annual statement on research integrity for 2018/19.

*Accepted without amendment by Governing Body at meeting on 14 October 2019*