

How to contact us

The Research Integrity Helpline is open to all:

- Individual researchers.
- Representatives of research organisations.
- Members of the public, including research participants.

If you have concerns about the conduct of research or need guidance about the best way to investigate alleged misconduct, contact UKRIO on:

0844 770 0644 or helpline@ukrio.org

The Helpline is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. Outside of these hours, you may leave a message and we will contact you as you require.

Staff at UKRIO may be able to provide guidance directly. Alternatively, callers may be referred to an expert from our Register of Advisers or to an appropriate external organisation, such as a regulatory body.

The advice we offer is applicable to all subjects and is not mandatory but reflects best practice in the conduct of research and addressing misconduct.

Confidentiality

All calls are confidential and will not be recorded. Only those details agreed will be passed to an Adviser. No other parties will be informed, unless clear evidence of criminal activity has been presented.



UK Research Integrity Office

The UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO) promotes integrity in research and provides advice on issues relating to the conduct of research.

Set up in the first instance to provide support to the health and biomedical science research community, we now offer guidance applicable to all fields of research carried out in universities, NHS Trusts and other research organisations.

UKRIO welcomes general inquiries on any issues relating to integrity in research.

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The UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO) is an independent advisory body, offering advice and guidance on the good practice of research and how to address misconduct.

To raise concerns about possible misconduct in research, call the Research Integrity Helpline:

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What is the Helpline for?

The Research Integrity Helpline provides confidential advice and guidance to anyone with concerns about the conduct of research.

Those who would find the advice and guidance service useful might include:

- A researcher with concerns about the conduct of a colleague.
- A manager or administrator who has received an allegation of misconduct in research.
- Someone who has been informed that an allegation of misconduct has been made about their research.
- The person responsible for investigating an allegation of misconduct in research.
- A participant in a research project who is worried about how that research is being carried out.
- Anyone who has evidence of misconduct in a research project.

We also give advice on how to promote good practice in research and help prevent poor practice and misconduct.

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Why call the Helpline?

Misconduct in research takes many forms. It can be serious and threaten lives; it can appear trivial but still greatly harm research.

Call the Research Integrity Helpline if you have concerns about:

- **Fabrication**
The fabrication of research data, processes or results.
- **Falsification**
The manipulation of research data, processes and results; also the omission of critical data or results.
- **Misrepresentation**
Misrepresentation of research data, or of a researcher's interests or involvement.
- **Plagiarism**
The unauthorized use of, or representation of, another person's material as one's own original work.
- **Research that may be causing unreasonable risk or harm to:**
 - Humans, including research participants and patients.
 - Animals used in research.
 - The environment.

Why call the Helpline?

UKRIO can also give advice on other aspects of poor practice or misconduct in research. In the past we have advised on issues such as:

- Improper handling of privileged or private information on individuals collected during research.
- Poor management or preservation of research data.
- Refusal of reasonable access to unique research materials or data that support published papers.
- Use of inappropriate statistical methods or measurement to enhance the significance of research findings.
- Manipulation, falsification or selective use of digital or other images.
- Inadequate supervision of junior colleagues in research or exploitation of them.

We often provide guidance on issues or disputes involving the publication of research, including:

- Allocating or requesting undeserved authorship: so-called honorary or "guest" authorships.
- Excluding authorship from those who fulfil the criteria for it.
- Multiple publication of data without disclosing that it has been published before.