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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_14-159)

We have now considered your request of 11 August 2014 for information relating to the 2012 concordat to support research integrity.

Our response to your request is on page 2 of this letter, together with a copy of your original request. We hope our response will meet your requirements.

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You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: <http://www.ico.org.uk/>

Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_14-159)

Your request:

This is a Freedom of Information request regarding the 2012 Concordat to Support Research Integrity.

Please confirm if your institution has signed the concordat and is following the commitments outlined in the concordat.

If your institution has signed what impact has this had on the research conducted at your university? Has this reduced the number of instances of research misconduct?

This includes instances of:

- *Fabrication or falsification of data, information or processes*
- *Plagiarism /fraud*
- *Deception (providing false information)*
- *Impersonation / misrepresentation*
- *Violation of ethical standards regarding human or animal experiments including failure to obtain ethical approval*
- *Ghost writing*
- *Copyright violations*

Please provide the number of instance of research misconduct before the signing of the 2012 Concordat to Support Research Integrity (3 years before) as well as the number of instances after signing. Please provide a full copy of any databases/spreadsheets from which information was extracted in response to this request. In the event that these records contain columns that hold personal information covered by data protection provisions, please simply delete the offending columns and send the rest of the data without them.

If your institution has not yet signed the concordat do you plan on signing it? If so when?

Our response:

The University has not signed the concordat. A list of signatories to the concordat can be found here:

<http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/aboutus/AssociatedOrganisations/Partnerships/Pages/ResearchIntegrity.aspx>

We have no current plans to sign the concordat, nor have we been invited to do so.

Although we have not signed the concordat, we have been following its terms since the start of the academic year 2013/14 as a condition of our HEFCE funding.