

Section 4

Further advice and resources

In addition to specific research management expertise available within MRC research units, institutes and regional centres, other resources which aim to provide advice on specific aspects of good research practice are available to MRC researchers and the wider biomedical research community, including:

The MRC Regulatory Support Centre

The MRC Regulatory Support Centre (RSC) (16) provides support to MRC-funded researchers and to the wider scientific community on the legislative and good practice requirements specifically relating to research involving human participants, their tissues or data. The RSC works with MRC research units and institutes, regulators and the wider UK research community to share good practice and develop practical tools and e-learning in areas such as research use of personal data and tissue samples, experimental medicine and stem cells. The RSC provides advice to MRC-staff and provides training on regulation, ethics and governance.

UK Research Integrity Office

The UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO) (5) provides expert advice and guidance to UK researchers, practice and improving research integrity in academic, scientific and medical research.

EQUATOR Network

The EQUATOR Network (52) provides guidance on resources for reporting of health research studies).

Learning and Development for MRC research units and institutes

The Learning and Development Group provides access to training and resources for MRC staff to support training and development.

NC3Rs

The National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research (NC3Rs) (41) is an independent scientific organisation supporting the UK science base in the application of the 3Rs. It provides information, advice and funding in the field.

Related links

(5) UK Research Integrity Office, Code of practice for research: Promoting good practice and preventing misconduct (2009) and Recommended Checklist for Researchers: <http://www.ukrio.org/publications/code-of-practice-for-research/>

(16) MRC Regulatory Support Centre resources and tool kits: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/research/facilities/regulatory-support-centre/>

(41) National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research (NC3Rs): www.nc3rs.org.uk

(52) EQUATOR Network guidance on reporting: www.equator-network.org