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PUBLIC HEALTH WALES RESEARCH MISCONDUCT POLICY

Policy Statement

Public Health Wales expects all research undertaken within the organisation to be conducted according to the highest standards of research practice and in accordance with all relevant regulatory requirements.

Policy Commitment

The aim of this policy is to protect the safety, well-being, dignity and rights of research participants and to support staff responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct in a thorough and fair manner. This reflects our commitment to having robust systems and processes in place to prevent or detect research misconduct.

The policy for investigating allegations of research misconduct promotes consistency across the NHS by following the model procedure recommended by the UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO) at <http://www.ukrio.org/publications/misconduct-investigation-procedure/>

This policy should be read in conjunction with, but does not replace, the following documents:

- Research Misconduct Procedure
- UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research
- All Wales Raising Concerns (Whistleblowing) Policy
- PHW Respect and Resolution Policy
- PHW Counter Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy and Procedure
- The concordat to support research integrity

In addition to ensuring that all regulatory requirements are met, researchers may wish to refer to more general guidance on good research practice such as:

[1\) Code of Practice for Research. Version: 3.5 \(UK Research Integrity Office, 2023\)](#)

[2\) Guidance on Good Research Practice \(Wellcome Trust April 2022\)](#)

[3\) Good Research Practice: Principles and guidance \(Medical Research Council, Nov 2014\)](#)

Supporting Procedures and Written Control Documents

[All corporate policies and procedures are available on the Public Health Wales website](#)

- PHW Research Misconduct Procedure
- All Wales Raising Concerns (Whistleblowing) Policy
- PHW Respect and Resolution Policy
- PHW Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy

Scope

This policy is applicable to all Public Health Wales staff involved in research.

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Summary of reviews/amendments

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2	2019	06/02/2020	02/2020	Previously this content had been covered within TP08 Counter Fraud Policy. The Counter Fraud policy was reviewed in March 2019 and the need for a separate policy was identified.
3	2023	13/09/23		Named person changed to Head of Information Governance and other job titles updated. Links in document updated
4	2026			Changes included updating links. The accompanying procedure was extensively updated.