

Annual Summary on Research Integrity 2022 – 2023

Introduction

In compliance with the Research Integrity procedures for Investigating Research Misconduct the following report provides an Annual Summary on research integrity allegations for 2021 -2022. The report includes information on;

- Number and type of notifications received by School;
- Outcomes of investigations of any type by School;
- Who the Named Person was for each investigation of any type;
- Status of any cases (completed or in progress);

Summary

During the reporting period two allegations was received by the Research Engagement Directorate, to whom all allegations of research misconduct are reported to (*see Annex 1 - Summary information on investigations of research misconduct that have been undertaken*). The allegations received were in relation to an alleged case of plagiarisms, one in the School Engineering & Physical Sciences (EPS) and the second in the School of Social Sciences (SoSS). Professor Steve McLaughlin, as the named person oversaw the allegations.

Outcome

In the first reported case, the allegation of plagiarism was received from an individual external to the University. In this case after considerable security of materials and evidence from the complainant, in accordance with the Research Integrity Procedures (section 7.1), the named person formally considered the allegation to determine whether to initiate a formal consideration of the allegations under the procedures. Following this formal consideration the named person dismissed the allegation and did not initiate a formal consideration of the allegation, determining that the allegation did not concern actions that could constitute research misconduct pursuant to Section 7.3.1 (c) of the Research Integrity Procedures.

In the second reported allegation of plagiarism, the Director of Research for SoSS, in accordance with Section 5 of the procedures dealt with the matter internally by means of facilitated meetings with the researchers concerned to find resolution.

Conclusion

The status of the reported cases are now determined to be completed.

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Annex A: Summary information on investigations of research misconduct that have been undertaken

Type of Allegation	Reported to organisations	Number of Screening Panels Convened	Number of Investigation Panels Convened	Named Person	Status
Fabrication					
Falsification					
Plagiarism	2	2		Professor Steve Mclaughlin	Completed
Misrepresentation					
Breach of duty of care					
Improper dealing with allegations of misconduct					
Other					