LSHTM expectations for Data Management Plans

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A Data Management Plan is a document that describes how research data will be handled during a project and following its completion. LSHTM researchers should prepare a Data Management Plan for their project at the earliest opportunity.

LSHTM-led research projects

Public/private funded projects that are capturing or creating data <u>must</u> write a Data Management Plan to ensure adequate steps are being taken to manage it. This should be emailed to the RDM Service (researchdatamanagement@lshtm.ac.uk) for comment on confirmation of funding.

- If your research funder does not provide a DMP template: Complete the School template, available as a MS Word document (https://doi.org/10.17037/PUBS.03716765) or DMPOnline web form (https://dmponline.dcc.ac.uk/) and email it to the RDM Service.

- If you have written a DMP for your research funder: Email your funder DMP to the RDM Service. You do not need to complete the LSHTM DMP template.

Consultancy work, unfunded research & projects without a data component

These projects are exempt from the DMP requirement.

MPhil/PhD/DrPH students

Prepare a Data Management Plan using the template at https://doi.org/10.17037/PUBS.03750331 and include it in your Upgrading or Review report as an appendix.

MSc students

MSc Students performing research in pursuit of a qualification are not required to write a DMP, but are encouraged to do so if their project has a data component.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I find details on LSHTM requirements for data management planning?

The School's data management requirements can be found in the LSHTM Research Data Management Policy, located at https://doi.org/10.17037/PUBS.00612422.

Where can I find details of funder requirements for data management plans?

Your funder web site will provide the most up-to-date information. The RDM Service has also published summary guides for key funders at http://dx.doi.org/10.17037/DATA.172.

How long does it usually require to write a data management plan?

Most people take 30-60 minutes to complete the LSHTM DM Plan template, depending upon the amount of planning they have already performed.

I'm not planning to share my research data. Do I need to write a DM Plan?

Yes, it will help you to map your project lifecycle, identify goals and requirements, and define practical steps you will take to achieve these. Data sharing is only a component of this work.

Book an appointment

To discuss and request feedback on your data management plan, contact the LSHTM Research Data Management Service at researchdatamanagement@lshtm.ac.uk.