

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.

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## LSHTM expectations for data management planning

Public or private funded projects that are capturing or creating data must prepare a Data Management Plan to ensure adequate steps are taken to manage research files. Consultancy work, unfunded research and projects without a data component are exempt from LSHTM's DMP requirement.

If your research funder does not provide a DMP template, the LSHTM template at <https://doi.org/10.17037/PUBS.03716765> may be used. Clinical trials should consult the LSHTM Data Management Plan template in appendix 1 of the [Data Management for Clinical Trials SOP](#) (LSHTM SOP 037).

MPhil/PhD/DrPH students should prepare a Data Management Plan using the template at <https://doi.org/10.17037/PUBS.03750331> and include it in their Upgrading or Review report as an appendix.

MSc Students performing research in pursuit of a qualification are not required to write a DMP. However, data management issues must be considered when planning research.

Further information can be found in the [Research Data Management Policy](#).

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## LSHTM support

Guidance and worked examples for LSHTM and funder DMPs may be accessed through the [Research Data Management](#) pages on Sharepoint and Servicedesk.

Staff/student training and drop-in sessions are available via the LSHTM Doctoral Transferable Skills and Talent and Education Development (TED) programme.

To obtain advice on data management within your project and/or obtain feedback on a draft data management plan, contact the Research Data Manager via [Servicedesk](#) or emailing [researchdatamanagement@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:researchdatamanagement@lshtm.ac.uk).