Preparing a Data Management Plan for research funding

A Data Management Plan (DMP) is a written document that outlines how research assets will be acquired, managed and shared during a research study and following its completion.

Expectations

LSHTM-led research projects working with research data should prepare a Data Management Plan (DMP) before commencement of research, even if not required by their research funder. Further information is available in the LSHTM Research Data Management Policy.

Many research funders require a data management plan to be submitted as part of a research bid. This includes UKRI funders (ESRC, MRC, EPSRC), Wellcome Trust and Gates Foundation. Other funders, such as the European Commission, indicate a full DMP must be produced as a deliverable within 6 months.

DMPOnline

The DMPOnline (https://dmponline.dcc.ac.uk/) platform offers DMP templates for all major UK and EU funding bodies, with supplementary guidance written by the research community.

LSHTM guidance

Guidance and worked examples for funder-specific DMPs may be accessed through the Research Data Management pages on Sharepoint and Servicedesk.

Researchers performing clinical trials should consult the LSHTM Data Management Plan template in appendix 1 of the Data Management for Clinical Trials SOP (LSHTM SOP 037). Sample text from the generic LSHTM DMP template may also be incorporated.

Training events for staff and students

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

Book an appointment

For advice on data management in your research and feedback on a draft data management plan, contact the Research Data Manager via Servicedesk or by emailing researchdatamanagement@lshtm.ac.uk.

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