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A Confession.....



(image source: www.morrell-middleton.co.uk)

UK Context 1 - Research Integrity Concordat

The concordat to support research integrity



Concordat – Key Features

- Establishes a “comprehensive national framework for good research conduct and governance”.
- Signatories include major research funders, government agencies and Universities.
- Identifies five key commitments covering both standards in research integrity and the need for continuous improvement.
- Sets expectations for key stakeholders (e.g. funders of research, employers of research, researchers).
- Operates alongside the governance oversight of funders and University regulators.

Happy Second Anniversary....



(Image source: www.amazon.com)

UUK Review - Year 2 of Compliance

- Overall, the concordat is seen in a positive light
- Seen as a useful mechanism for focussing attention on RI issues and improving institutional processes and practices
- Awareness of the concordat amongst research-active staff relatively low.
- There is a need for additional support and guidance around compliance
- HEIs liked autonomy and flexibility of concordat approach, but also wanted clearer direction
- HEIs' publically available information on RI was lacking in many cases

UK Context 2 – UK Research Integrity Office



<http://ukrio.org/>

UKRIO – Key Features

- An independent charity providing advice and support on good practice in research integrity issues.
- Constituted with a Board of Trustees, an Advisory Board and Panel of Advisors and funded by subscription.
- Operates solely as an advisory board – it has no regulatory function, legal powers or responsibilities.
- Provides guidance notes on best practice available both to subscribers and non-subscribers.
- Operates a free, confidential advice service to researchers and members of the public on all research integrity matters.

UK Context – We are not perfect....



Result of a research governance failure



Gareth Colfer-Williams

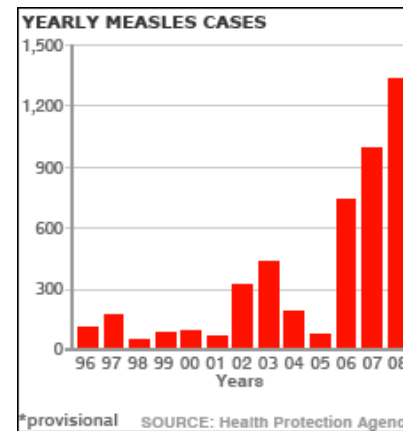
(Picture & Article Source – [Wales On Line](#))

“A man who died at the height of a measles epidemic in Swansea died as a result of the disease, an inquest in the city heard today.

Gareth Colfer-Williams, 25, was found dead by his girlfriend, Cairo Oneim, 27, on April 18 this year at his first floor flat in Port Tennant Road, Port Tennant, Swansea. He suffered hallucinations in the hours before his death and was being treated for alcohol addiction.

The unemployed former Morriston Comprehensive School pupil died from Giant Cell Pneumonia due to measles, said Dr Maurizio Brotto, consultant pathologist at Singleton Hospital, Swansea, who carried out a post mortem examination. Swansea Coroner Philip Rogers recorded a verdict of death by natural causes.”

Context – History of a Governance Failure



Context – the Big Picture...

In case we forget, research
integrity & governance underpins
everything that we do...

The Cambridge Research Integrity Challenge

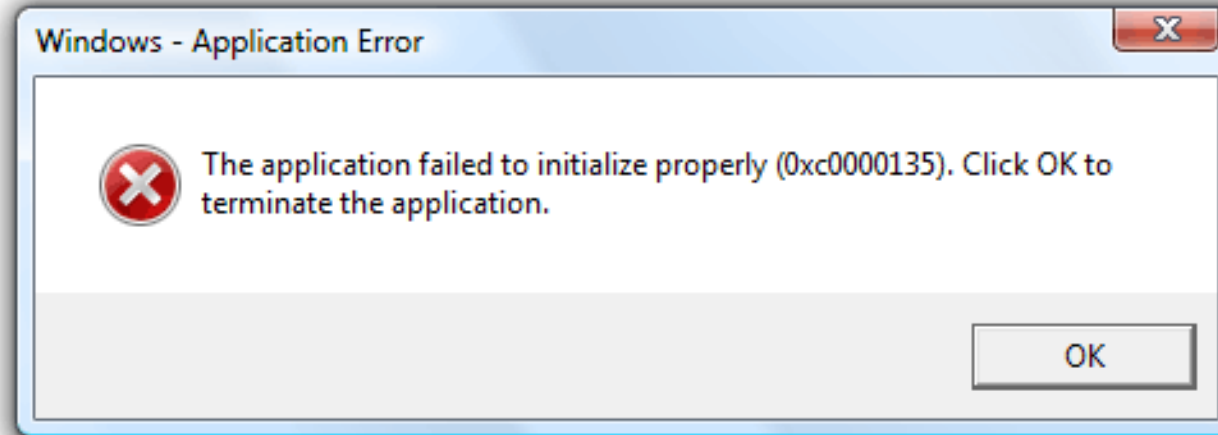


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