

About you (optional)

1. Please select a category

- Female
- Male

2. Age band

- 15-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

3. What sector are you employed in?

- Commercial sector
- Public sector
- Not-for-profit
- Education
- Not working

Other (please specify)

Now please complete the following questions.

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Commitment 1: We will be clear about when, how and why we use animals in research

This commitment seeks to ensure that all organisations acknowledge, both internally and externally, that they or their members carry out or fund animal research. It also seeks to ensure that they are transparent about the use of animals in that research. All signatories are expected to agree to these basic principles of openness, which underpin the whole of the Concordat.

4. To what extent do you feel that this commitment will help to increase openness about research using animals in the UK?

Not at all Will help greatly

Communications about the use of animals in research should provide accurate descriptions of the benefits, harms and limitations of such research, be realistic about the potential outputs of such research, and be open about its impact on animal welfare and the ethical considerations involved.

5. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

6. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

7. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

We will take steps to ensure that staff (and students, where relevant) are aware of our organisation's involvement with the use of animals in research and will help them to discuss and reflect on that use.

8. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

9. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

10. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

We will be prepared to explain our involvement with the use of animals in research, and will be prepared to respond to reasonable enquiries about the nature of the animal research we support. Where there are reasons not to respond to enquiries – if, for example, the information is confidential or commercially sensitive, or where it would be misleading to release information prematurely, or where there are personal safety concerns - we will explain those reasons to the enquirer.

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11. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

Disagree	Tend to disagree	Neither	Tend to agree	Agree
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12. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

Disagree	Tend to disagree	Neither	Tend to agree	Agree
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13. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

Disagree	Tend to disagree	Neither	Tend to agree	Agree
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Where signatories to the Concordat are working together on a research project, all the relevant parties will agree to take an open approach to communications about the research and to support their partners in this. Where there are partnerships with non-signatory organisations or there are issues of confidentiality or commercial sensitivity, signatory organisations will be as open as possible in sharing information with the public while respecting these constraints.

14. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

Disagree	Tend to disagree	Neither	Tend to agree	Agree
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15. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

Disagree	Tend to disagree	Neither	Tend to agree	Agree
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16. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

Disagree	Tend to disagree	Neither	Tend to agree	Agree
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17. Do you have any further comments on Commitment 1?

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Commitment 2: We will enhance our communications with the media and the public about our research using animals

The purpose of this commitment is to ensure that relevant details about signatories' involvement in the use of animals in research are readily accessible by the public. It builds on commitment 1 by outlining some of the practical steps that organisations can take to facilitate their communications around animal research.

18. To what extent do you feel that this commitment will help to increase openness about research using animals in the UK?

Not at all Will help greatly

By the end of 2014, we will either:

a. Make available on our own websites a policy statement about the use of animals in research, providing clear information about the nature of our own involvement with animal research and its role in the wider context of our research aims, and link this to a central portal, publicly available on the Understanding Animal Research (UAR) website.

Or

b. Provide this information to UAR for inclusion in the portal.

19. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

20. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

21. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

We will include information in relevant communications, including press releases, on the role animal research has played in scientific advancements and product development.

22. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

23. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

24. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

We will identify a point of contact for information about the organisation's involvement in the use of animals in research and will aim to provide one or more spokespeople to talk about this use.

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25. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

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26. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

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27. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

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We will support and encourage researchers and staff who wish to engage with the media where this does not conflict with normal operational procedures.

28. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

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29. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

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30. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

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Those of us that have animal research facilities in the UK commit to considering reasonable requests from accredited media organisations for access to view laboratories, subject to appropriate measures . Each organisation will nominate a point of contact to coordinate responses to requests for access from the media.

31. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

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32. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

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33. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

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Signatory universities, pharmaceutical companies, learned societies and research funders will encourage researchers to follow acknowledged best practice when publishing the results of their animal research (e.g. the principles enshrined in the ARRIVE, ILAR, ICLAS and GSPC guidelines).

34. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

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35. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

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36. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

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Signatory universities, pharmaceutical companies, learned societies and research funders will support the work of the National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research, and will share their own examples of progress in the 3Rs.

37. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

Disagree	Tend to disagree	Neither	Tend to agree	Agree
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38. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

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39. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

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40. Do you have any further comments on Commitment 2?

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Commitment 3: We will be proactive in providing opportunities for the public to find out about research using animals

The majority of people in this country do not have ready opportunities to learn about and discuss the use of animals in research. This commitment aims to encourage more public discussion in the UK about animal research. It builds on commitments 1 and 2 by describing ways in which signatories can engage proactively – directly and indirectly – with the public, over and above the provision of information.

41. To what extent do you feel that this commitment will help to increase openness about research using animals in the UK?

Not at all Will help greatly

We will work cooperatively to provide more comprehensive explanations of animal research projects and procedures. These explanations should, where appropriate, include images and films; they should be presented either as stand-alone materials or accompanying other communications, such as press releases and should include information about the context of the research.

42. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

43. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

44. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

Where relevant, representatives of signatories will include information about the role of animals in any talks or public events they take part in, for example at schools or with the local community.

45. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

46. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

47. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

Signatories that have animal research facilities in the UK will consider including their animal facilities in any visit to the organisation from representatives of the local community and other organisations or external individuals.

48. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

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49. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

Disagree	Tend to disagree	Neither	Tend to agree	Agree
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50. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

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Signatories that do not have animal research facilities in the UK will consider ways in which they can facilitate the activities mentioned in points 1-3 above, and other ways that will encourage public engagement with the issue of animals in scientific, veterinary and medical research.

51. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

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52. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

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53. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

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54. Do you have any further comments on Commitment 3?

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Commitment 4: We will report on progress annually and share our experiences

Monitoring the implementation of the Concordat will be important for its success. We want to be able to demonstrate and share the progress we have made towards being more open about research using animals in the UK and improving the information that is available to the public. We will also review the Concordat and our own processes to keep them up to date.

55. To what extent do you feel that this commitment will help to increase openness about research using animals in the UK?

Not at all Will help greatly

We will report to UAR annually on actions we have taken to fulfil these commitments and will share our experience of the effectiveness and impact of the strategies we have adopted.

56. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

57. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

58. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

UAR will publish an annual update on progress on openness, collating the reports provided by signatories.

59. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

60. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

61. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

Three years after publication, we will review this Concordat and its impact and amend the document as necessary.

62. Do you think this proposal is key to openness?

Disagree Tend to disagree Neither Tend to agree Agree

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63. Do you think this proposal is insufficient for openness?

Disagree	Tend to disagree	Neither	Tend to agree	Agree
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64. Do you think this proposal is realistic?

Disagree	Tend to disagree	Neither	Tend to agree	Agree
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65. Do you have any further comments on Commitment 4?

66. Are there other principles or factors that you would expect from the life-science sector, now or in the future, around openness?