

Summary of the UKRI Research Organisation Consultation Group (ROCG) Meeting Thursday 16th November 2023, Polaris House, Swindon

Managing call volumes and deadlines

The Group discussed challenges around increased application volumes and call deadlines.

Simpler and Better Funding (SBF)

SBF programme gave an update on recent activities including the introduction of co-editing functionality on The Funding Service and sought feedback from ROCG on this functionality.

Pushing the Frontiers

The Group provided feedback on the pilot NERC have undertaken within their 'Pushing the Frontiers' funding opportunity whereby at the proposal stage only a cost banding is required with full costings for a project only asked for if an application is funded.

UKRI Governance of Good Research Practice

UKRI discussed with the Group the recent review and minor updates made to UKRI's Good Research Practice policy.

Research Sustainability

The Group was updated on the activities of the UKRI Research Sustainability programme and discussed reasons for increasing costs.

Horizon Europe

UKRI discussed with the Group the UK Government Funding Guarantee and the work going on towards future 'association' with Horizon Europe.

Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2028

UKRI discussed and sought feedback from the Group regarding preparations for REF 2028

Funding Assurance

UKRI updated the Group on its funding assurance activities including Funding Assurance Programme (FAP) visits.

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The next meeting will take place on Thursday 14th March 2024.