Our Principles for Research Data Management (RDM):

- Reduce the burden on researchers
  - Mediated data deposit
  - Bulk upload of information wherever possible
- Make pragmatic decisions
  - Get the service up and running first
  - Don’t worry to much about policy until we have processes that work

Timeline:

2012:
- Initial foray into RDM
- Draft RDM policy
- RDM webpages
- Supported by the Digital Curation Centre

2013:
- Research data registry up and running

2014/2015:
- Establishment of RDM service

System Basics:

Wherever possible, we pull information in from, or push out to, other systems. This avoids duplication of effort and increases visibility of data we hold.

* Our repositories run on eprints.

Grant application advice and support

- Review service for data management plans
- Advice on costing RDM activities into awards

Our Service:

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- Institutional data repository and registry
- Safe data storage and sharing platform

Advice and training

- Staff training workshops
- Student training workshops
- Information events
- ‘Just email and ask’
- Bespoke training
- Webpages

Enlighten: Research Data deposits:

Enlighten: Research Data downloads:

Staff visits and talks:

Data Management Plan Reviews:

* Jan 2015 - May 2016

Links to other services:

Ethics Committees:
- Ethics approval now includes data management and sharing issues.

IT Services:
- Highlighting best practice for data storage and backup.

Research Strategy and Innovation Office:
- University policies align on RDM issues.
- Disseminating funder expectations to award holders.
- Disseminating funder expectations to students.

Records Management Service:
- Non-digital data storage and retention schedules.

Contracts Office:
- Data management & sharing in collaboration agreements.

Data Protection Office:
- Safeguarding personal data used in research.

Better cost-recovery model for long-term storage

Future Plans:

- Improved interoperability with external systems
- Improved advice on selection, appraisal and digital preservation

Further development of Enlighten: Research Data

It’s all about saving researchers’ time!