



Developments in research funder data policy

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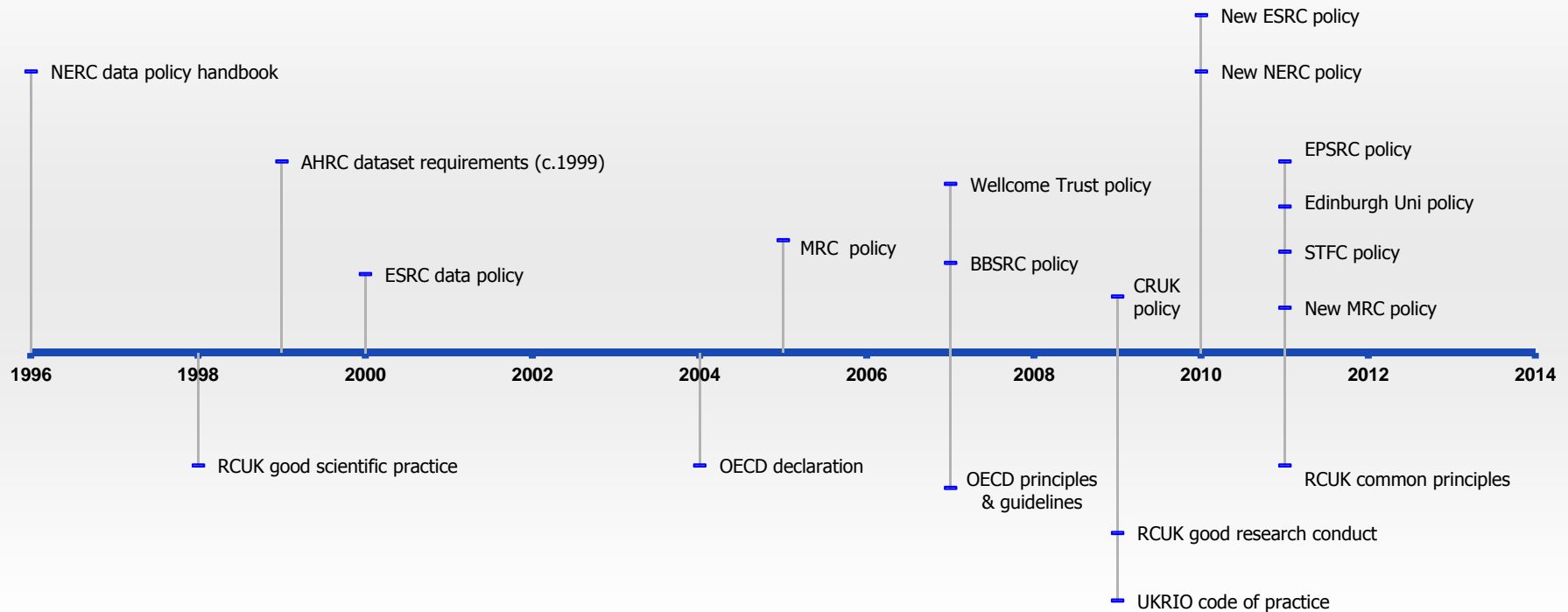
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Outline

- How have data policies evolved and changed?
- RCUK Common Principles
- EPSRC policy framework
- Responses to requirements

Evolving data policies

Research data policy developments



How have requirements changed?

- Increasing emphasis on data sharing & reuse
- More clearly defined roles and responsibilities
- Introduced notions of value to select data
- Money to meet costs associated with RDM

**More
pragmatic
and
enabling**

RCUK Common Principles

7 principles agreed by the UK Research Councils:

1. open access in line with OECD principles
2. preserve data of long-term value to ensure continued access
3. publish metadata online and in publications for discoverability
4. appreciation of legal, ethical and commercial constraints
5. researcher entitlement to a limited period of privileged use
6. recognition for researchers who share data
7. use of public funds for data management & sharing

www.rcuk.ac.uk/research/Pages/DataPolicy.aspx

New trends via Common Principles

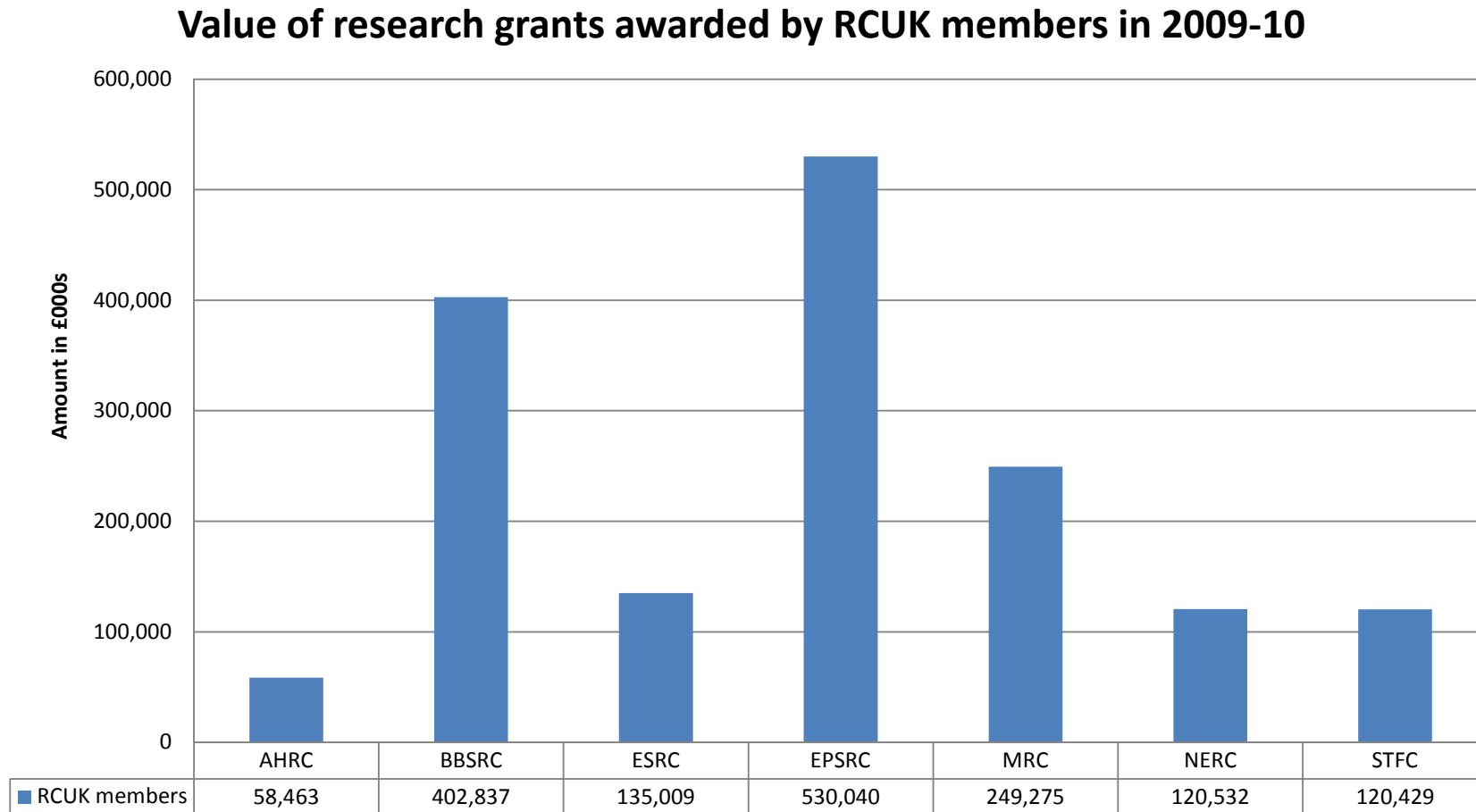
2. data with **acknowledged long-term value** should be preserved and remain accessible and usable
3. ...sufficient **metadata** should be recorded and made **openly available** ... Published results should always include information on **how to access the supporting data**.
6. to recognise the intellectual contributions of researchers... all **users should acknowledge the sources of their data**
7. It is **appropriate to use public funds** to support the management and sharing of publicly-funded research data

EPSRC policy framework

- Doesn't require data management plans
- Places onus on research organisations
- Very specific and exacting requirements
→ raises the bar!
- Roadmap required by **1st May 2012** to be fully compliant with expectations by **1st May 2015**.

www.epsrc.ac.uk/about/standards/researchdata/Pages/default.aspx

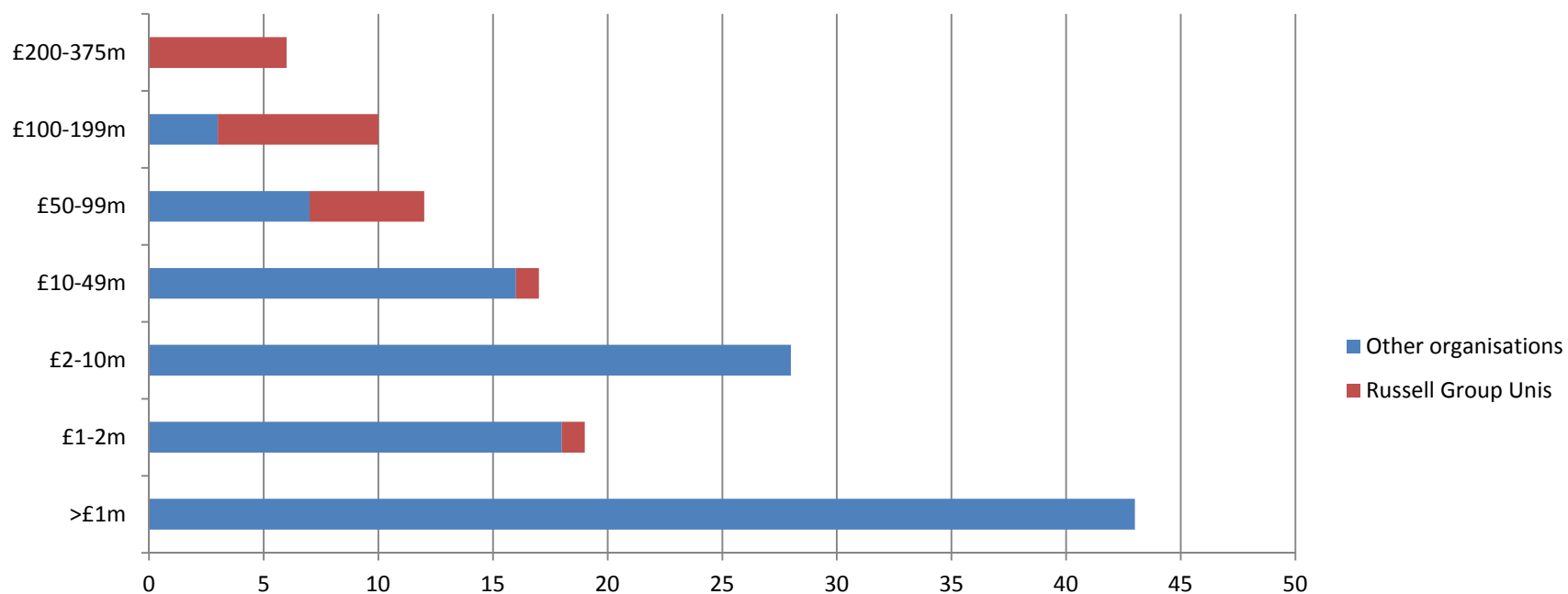
Q: Why is the EPSRC policy so significant?



Figures are taken from the financial statements in the 2010 Annual Report of each Research Council

A: No RO wants to risk losing so much £!

Value of current EPSRC research grants on 1/11/2010 by number and type of organisation in receipt



	>£1m	£1-2m	£2-10m	£10-49m	£50-99m	£100-199m	£200-375m
Other organisations	43	18	28	16	7	3	0
Russell Group Unis	0	1	0	1	5	7	6

Figures are taken from EPSRC Grants on the Web post-November 2010 grants portfolio at:

<http://gow.epsrc.ac.uk/NGBOListOrganisations.aspx>

Institutional research data policy

Institution	Policy name	Date released
University of Oxford	Commitment to Research Data Management	2010
University of Edinburgh	Research Data Management Policy	16 May 2011
University of Northampton	Research Data Policy	June 2011
University of Hertfordshire	Data Management Policy (see s.7 on research data and the appendix 'Guide to RDM')	1 Sept 2011

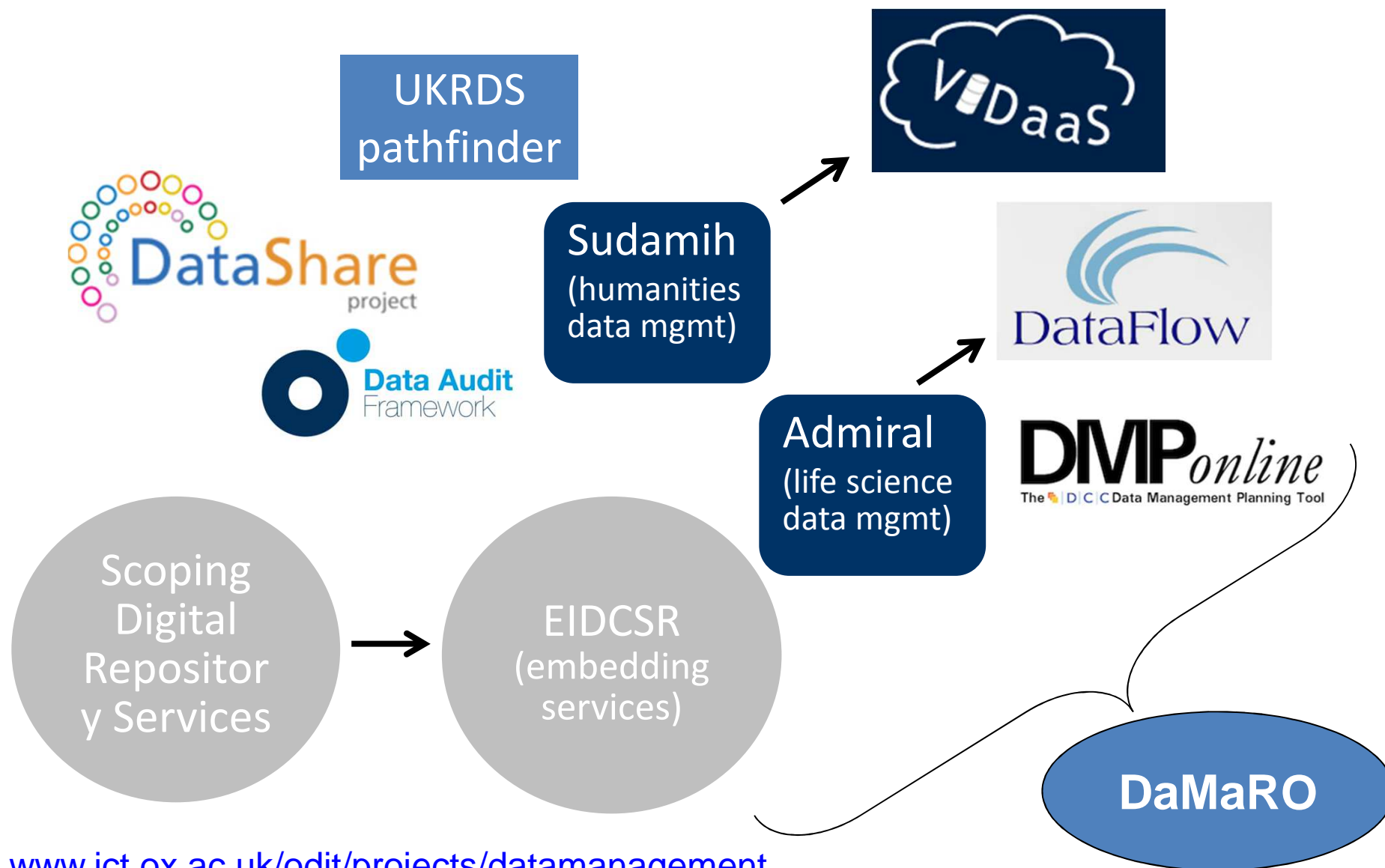
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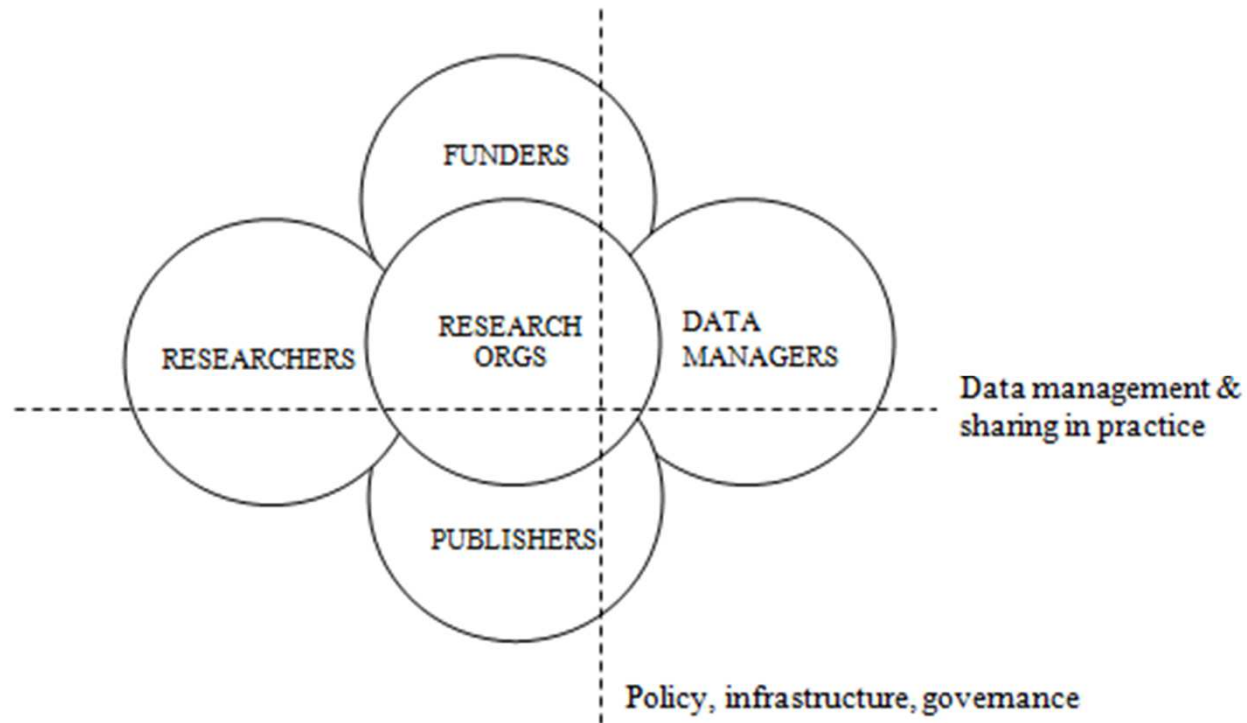
Several more coming via JISC MRD 02

www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/policy-and-legal/institutional-data-policies

University of Oxford RDM projects



Policy into practice?



Thanks to Mark Thorley of NERC for original concept and design.

Based on presentation given at RDMF7 *Incentivising Data Management & Sharing*



Thanks for listening

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