

# DATUM for Health

promoting research data management skills  
in health studies

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# RDM training programme focus

- health studies discipline
- qualitative, unstructured data
- postgraduate research students (i.e. doctoral students)
- whole data management lifecycle
- andragogic approach



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**DATUM for Health: Research data management training for health studies**

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**DATUM for Health: Research data management training for health studies**

This collaborative project seeks to promote research data management skills of postgraduate research students in the health studies discipline through a specially-developed training programme which focuses on qualitative, unstructured research data.

**The project aims to:**

1. design and pilot a training programme on research data management for postgraduate research students in health studies as an integral part of a doctoral training programme
2. evaluate the usefulness and effectiveness of the training with participants and other research stakeholders
3. provide other Higher Education Institutions with a model for research data management skills training
4. make recommendations for sustainable research data management training and associated infrastructure requirements.

The project is funded by JISC under their [Managing Research Data \(JISCMRD\) Programme](#). The project will run from 1st October 2010 to 31st July 2011.

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DATUM summary  
Project Information Sheet

# Programme design & delivery

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- Programme design
  - sessions built upon each other; face-to-face; worked exercises; group discussion; directed learning; eLP backup
- 4 sessions delivered
  - introduction to RDM
  - data curation lifecycle (DCC 101 Lite)
  - problems and practical strategies and solutions
  - DPC Roadshow: digital preservation in health field
- Materials publicly available – Web & Jorum
  - PPT slides, exercises, handouts, tutor notes

# Lessons learnt

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1. Volume of literature, resources etc – an RDM portal?
2. Discipline focus by generic materials + disciplinary-specific discussion / examples
3. Keen interest , high level of engagement
4. DMP – part of project approval? Supports ethical approval
5. Elephants in the room
  - long term storage of data
  - legacy training for academics and support staff

# Continuing activity

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- RDM training now embedded at Northumbria University
- DATUM in Action: new JISC project supporting researchers on an EU funded project

[www.northumbria.ac.uk/datum](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/datum)

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