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Relocation of the UK Research Integrity Office

The UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO), an independent body which offers advice about the conduct of research, today transfers from its host organisation, Universities UK (UUK), and becomes a company limited by guarantee. There will be no break in the continuity of UKRIO's services and it will continue to provide independent and confidential advice to researchers, research organisations and the public. Premises for UK Research Integrity Office Ltd. will be provided by the University of Sussex but UKRIO will remain a separate organisation and will not share sensitive information regarding its work with third parties.

Nicola Dandridge, Chief Executive of UUK said:

"Research integrity is of vital importance to the sector, ensuring we retain the public's trust, enhance this country's international reputation in research and secure the best return on public funds. UUK will continue to work with the major UK research funders and stakeholders to develop ways of promoting integrity in research".

Professor Sir Ian Kennedy, Chair of UKRIO said:

"The level of cases that UKRIO is addressing, some 58 this year alone, demonstrates that there is a clear need for UKRIO's services. Many universities and NHS Trusts now recommend UKRIO to their researchers as a source of expert advice, while our published standards have been adopted by research institutions and endorsed by professional bodies and research funders. We have therefore established UKRIO as a company limited by guarantee to build on UKRIO's successes and continue to supply and develop the support that we currently provide, reflecting and reinforcing the core values and mission of UKRIO."

Notes for Editors

1. The UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO), established in 2006 and hosted at UUK's London offices, is an independent body which offers confidential and expert advice and guidance to research organisations, individual researchers and members of the public about the conduct of research, covering all subject areas. UKRIO has also published guidance on good research practice and the investigation of alleged misconduct, and operates a help-line service where concerns can be reported in complete confidence. UKRIO is not a regulatory body and has no formal legal powers. The advice and guidance it offers is not mandatory but reflects best practice in the conduct of research and addressing misconduct. For further information about UKRIO and its services, visit the website at www.ukrio.org or contact an adviser on info@ukrio.org.
2. Universities UK (UUK) is the representative organisation for the UK's universities. Founded in 1918, its mission is to be the definitive voice for all universities in the UK, providing high quality leadership and support to its members to promote a successful and diverse higher education sector. With 133 members and offices in London, Cardiff and Edinburgh, it promotes the strength and success of UK universities nationally and internationally.