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Building integrated researcher services with DMPonline at The University of Manchester

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About the University

- Large
  - 6,000+ researchers
- Diverse
  - 3 Faculties comprised of many Schools:
    - Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health
    - Faculty of Science and Engineering
    - Faculty of Humanities
  - 20+ interdisciplinary research institutes
- Research intensive
  - Research income £391 million

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Research Data Management Policy

- **Applies to all research**, whether externally funded or not
- Researchers will produce a **DMP for every research study**
- The Principal Investigator must ensure that a **DMP is written before the research commences, adhered to and updated as necessary** throughout the Study lifecycle
- All DMPs must be recorded and maintained **using the DMPonline service**

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Manchester Data Management Outline

Challenge

- Move from in-house DMP tool to DMPonline
- Improve processes and experience for researchers

Solution

- Partnership of Professional Services (Library, Information Governance Office, Ethics, Research IT, research support) reviewed research procedures
- Reduce duplication between forms and input from researchers
- Gather information to provide services and inform service development
- Gather information to ensure GDPR compliance

Implementation

- MDMO section prefixes every DMP
- 16 questions, mostly multiple choice, some short text

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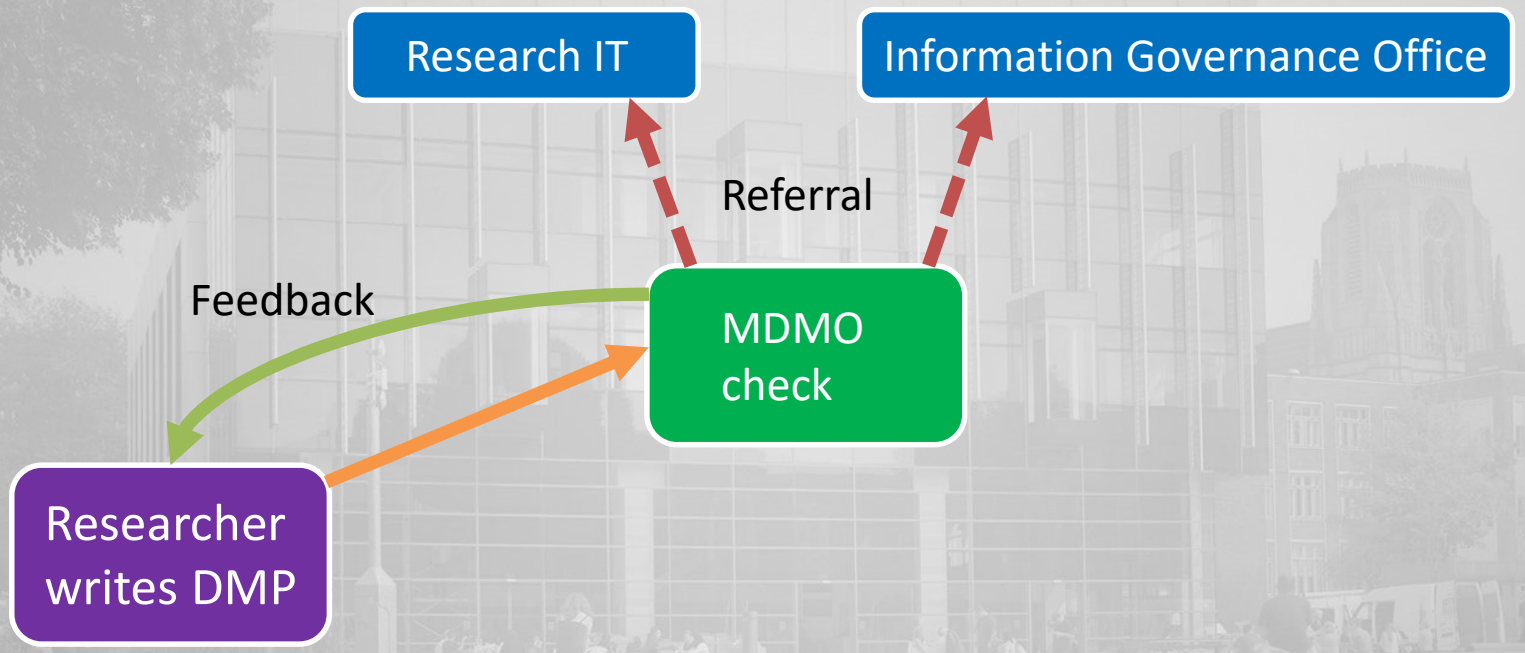
DMP processes



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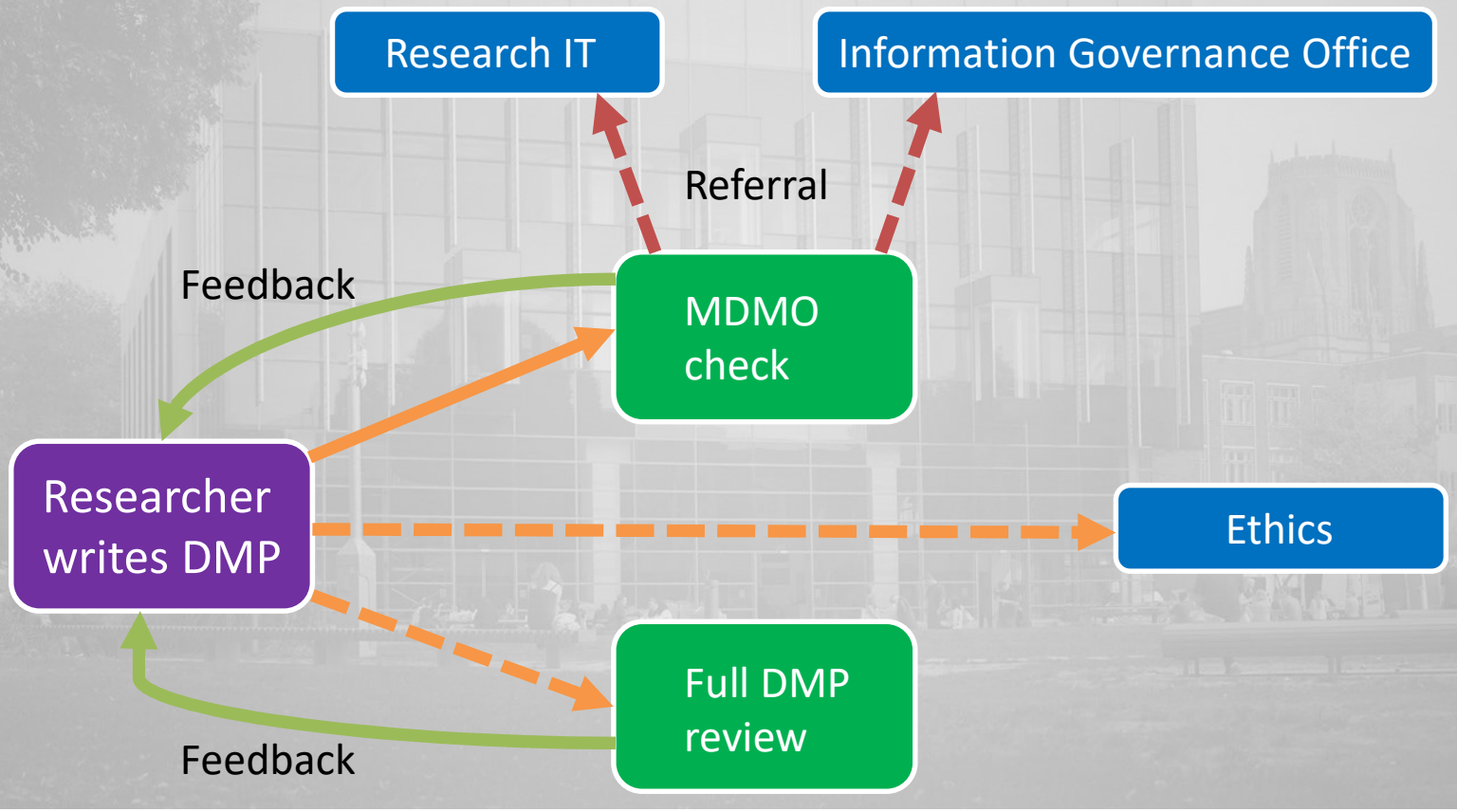

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Enabling good DMP practices

Integration with processes	Research support University ethics Postgraduate researcher progression
Tailored support	Manchester Data Management Outline checks DMP review service Enquiry service
Generic support	Online guidance (e.g. Policy, RDM website, DMPonline) Training Communications
Monitoring	DMP compliance checks

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Reflections

- Guiding principle
  - Maximising the value of DMP processes whilst minimising the administrative burden
- Key enabler
  - Collaboration across Professional Services
- Continual improvement
  - Feedback loops across researchers and research support

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What's next

- Partner with University initiatives
  - Open Research – foster good practice
  - Data Stewardship – enhance localised support
- DMPonline
  - Conditional questions – increase efficiency for researchers

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Questions?

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