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# Research Integrity in Government

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# Government and trust



“..trust and confidence in government has fallen..”

National Centre for Social Research British Social Attitudes Survey, “Five years of unprecedented challenges The impact of the 2019-2024 Parliament on public opinion”, June 2024



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# Government Office for Science & Government Chief Scientific Adviser



Our mission is to make sure the Government is empowered by scientific evidence with evidence-based policymaking that stands the test of time.

*Professor Dame  
Angela McLean  
Government Chief Scientific Adviser*





# Government powered by scientific evidence



## Our areas of focus

### **Science for current & future challenges**

Science underpins the government's approach to climate change, AI and key future issues.

### **Science for national security & resilience**

Science advice underpins national security and resilience policy, strategy, planning and crisis response. We stand ready to respond to any emergency.

### **Science for strategic advantage**

Our evidence and insights routinely inform the government's national security and prosperity strategies.

### **A more scientific Civil Service**

We are increasing science capability across government, developing our people, infrastructure, systems and networks.



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# Department for Science, Innovation & Technology



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# Government Research Integrity webpage



- Guidance to implement the Concordat to Support Research Integrity within Government.
- Departmental published annual reports on research integrity.
- Nominated departmental officials for research integrity.





# Next steps



- Publish Research Integrity Annual statements for 2023-24.
- Identify measures and indicators of research integrity.
- Identify learning and development activities.
- Consider use of AI in research.
- Work to rebuild trust in evidence used by government.

# Thank you

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