Collecting outcome and impact data through researchfish

We use Researchfish to capture the outcomes and impacts of the research we fund. The data we collect through Researchfish will allow us to understand and communicate the difference that our funded research is making to the understanding of age-related diseases and frailty and the health and well-being of older people.

What is researchfish?

Researchfish is an online research impact assessment platform developed specifically for collecting research outcomes and impacts. It is used by hundreds of funders, including the Research Councils UK, along with over 100,000 researchers who now report through the system. Researchfish allows researchers to input outcomes and impacts of research projects in one place for use by multiple funders, preventing the need for duplicate reporting.

To find out more please visit the Researchfish website.

What will I need to do?

We will notify you via email when you are required to start reporting output and impact data through Researchfish (this will typically be 1 year after the project start date). The email will contain details about how to activate your individual account if you don't already have one. Once your account is activated you can start adding outputs into the system and attributing them to your Dunhill Medical Trust grant. More information is available in the Researchfish User Guide.

We will continue to ask for data to be submitted via Researchfish for 3 years after your project has ended.

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Which outcomes and impacts are captured?

A variety of different outcome and impact data/information can be reported in Researchfish, including publications, collaborations, engagement activities, influence on policy and practice and many more. Please ensure that you report all outcomes and impacts in the relevant sections and that all of the outcomes and impacts you want us to know about are included in the submission.

When can I input data to researchfish?

You can access and update your Researchfish account all year round in order to reduce the reporting burden during the submission period. However, before the submission period closes you must ensure that you click "submit" on the submission tab. It is possible for you to set up delegates to add/edit information in your account on your behalf, but only the Principal Investgator can submit the Researchfish Report.

Will I still need to provide the Trust with progress and final reports?

Yes. Principal Investigators (PIs) will still need to complete yearly progress reports, but the scope of these has been significantly reduced to reflect the use of Researchfish and focus mainly on operational issues such as any changes/difficulties with the project.

PIs will also need to complete a final report after their grant has ended to report particularly on the success or otherwise in answering the research questions they set out to answer. Any outcomes (publications etc) arising from the funded research will need to be reported via Researchfish.

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Is reporting through researchfish mandatory?

Yes, your Researchfish submission is mandatory. For more information please see the Trust's Researchfish Policy. Please note that grant reporting is a condition of your grant, as stated in our Terms and Conditions.

How will the Trust use the data?

The data we collect through Researchfish will be an important part of understanding the impact of the research we fund and the activities of our funded researchers. This will allow us to evaluate our progress towards our strategic objectives and communicate the work being done by our researchers more openly, consistently and effectively.