



Research integrity workshop

Researcher experiences and perceptions

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Welcome and introductions



Vitae, as a non-profit programme, has transformed the way institutions support researchers. Vitae supports the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers that has at its heart the importance of a healthy research culture for the UK research base and the supply of highly talented researchers.

UKRIO is an independent charity offering support to the public, researchers and organisations to further good practice in academic research across all disciplines. UKRIO promotes integrity and high ethical standards in research, as well as robust and fair methods to address poor practice and misconduct. UKRIO contributed to the development of the Concordat to Support Research Integrity and provides advice to both institutions and individuals.



Welcome and housekeeping

What?

- Series of researcher workshops in a study of research integrity
- Part of a landscaping study; literature review, interviews, **survey**

Why?

- Understand the UK research integrity landscape
- Ensure perceptions of researchers are included in the study
- Validate emerging findings
- Outcomes of the study to be presented to Research England, UKRI

How?

- 3 hrs for discussion, brainstorming and exploration of ideas and experiences
- Anonymous **written** outputs

Introductions

Introduce yourself to your table

What do you think research integrity is?



Background



The Concordat to Support Research Integrity (2012) defines research integrity as

“maintaining the highest standards of rigour and integrity in all aspects of research”

Including:

- Honesty in all aspects of research
- Rigour in methods, interpretations and communication
- Transparency and open communication
- Care and respect for participants, subjects and the stewardship of research and scholarship

<https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/reports/Documents/2012/the-concordat-to-support-research-integrity.pdf>

Background

In recent years there has been growing scrutiny of issues relating to research integrity, which can range from

- Avoidable errors in research
- Inability to replicate research outcomes
- ‘Questionable’ research practices
- Serious research misconduct and fraud

Background



Limited data includes frequency of retractions, reporting of misconduct cases, UKRI audits of grant-holding organisations, influence of career pressures and metrics

Unclear whether increased frequency of issues, improved detection, or greater awareness

Increasing interest in 'research culture' and the influence it may have on quality and ethical standards of research

This study is one of many ultimately aiming to encourage positive behaviours and a healthy research culture

Activity part 1: Virtue scales

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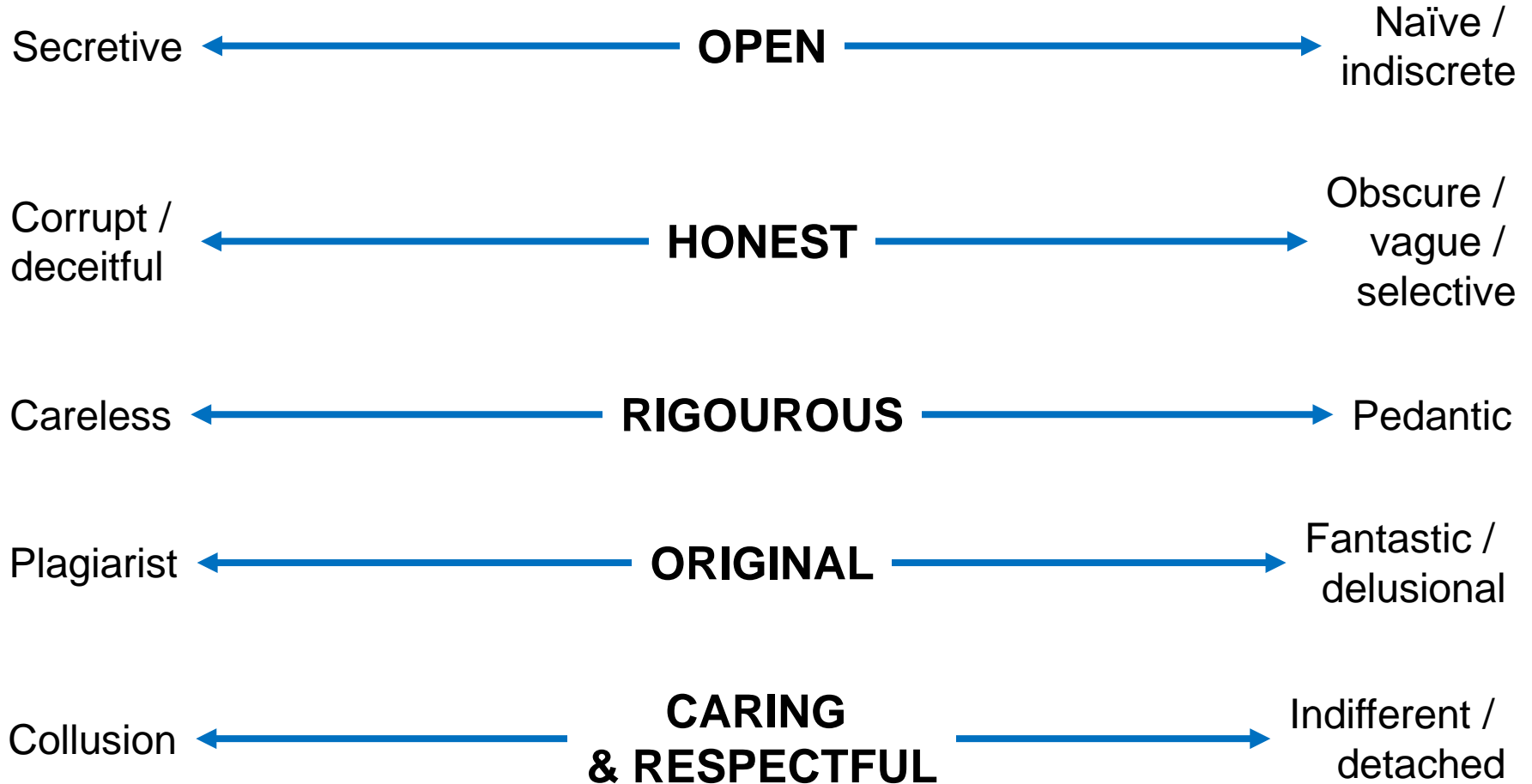
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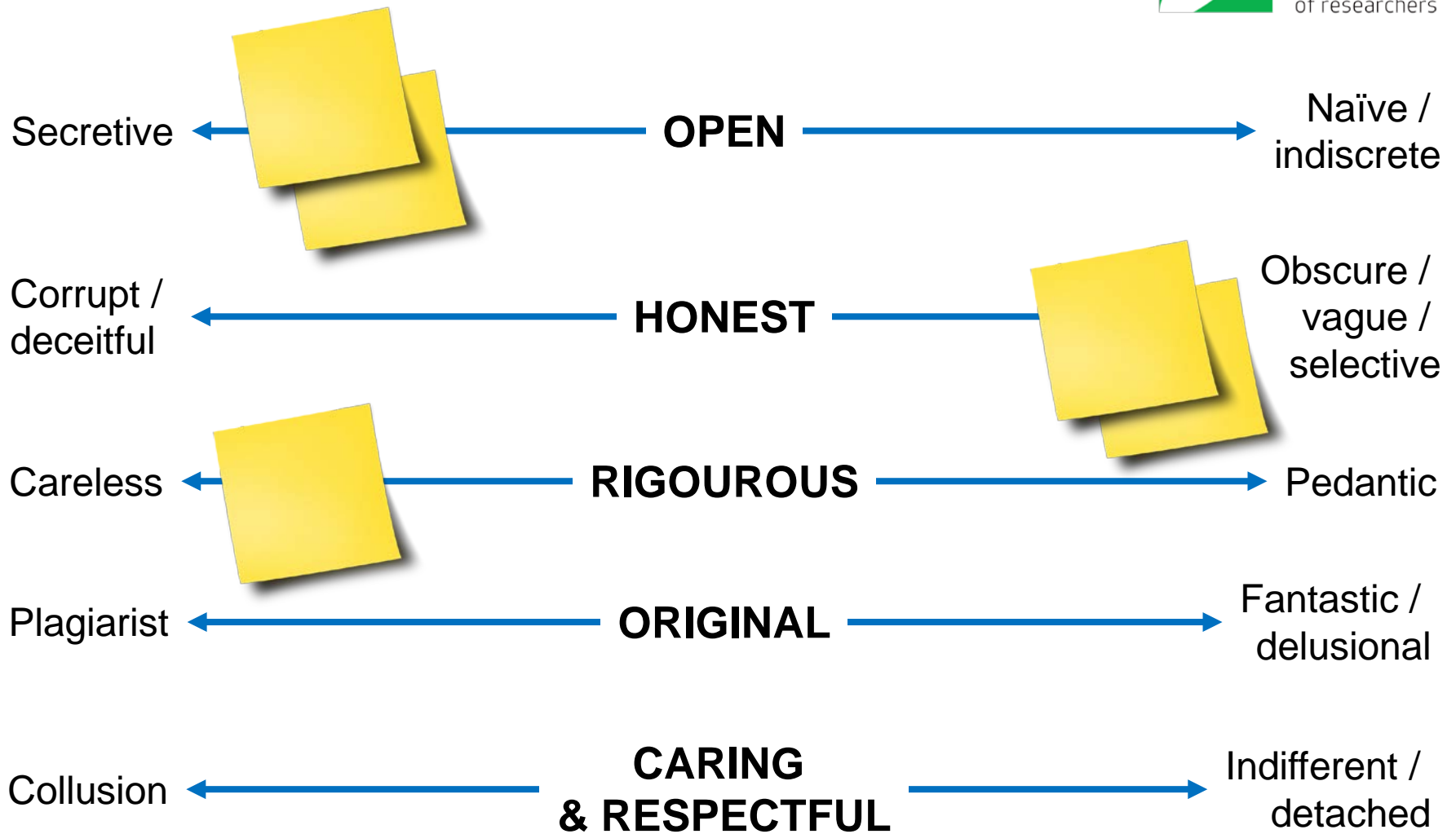
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& RESPECTFUL →

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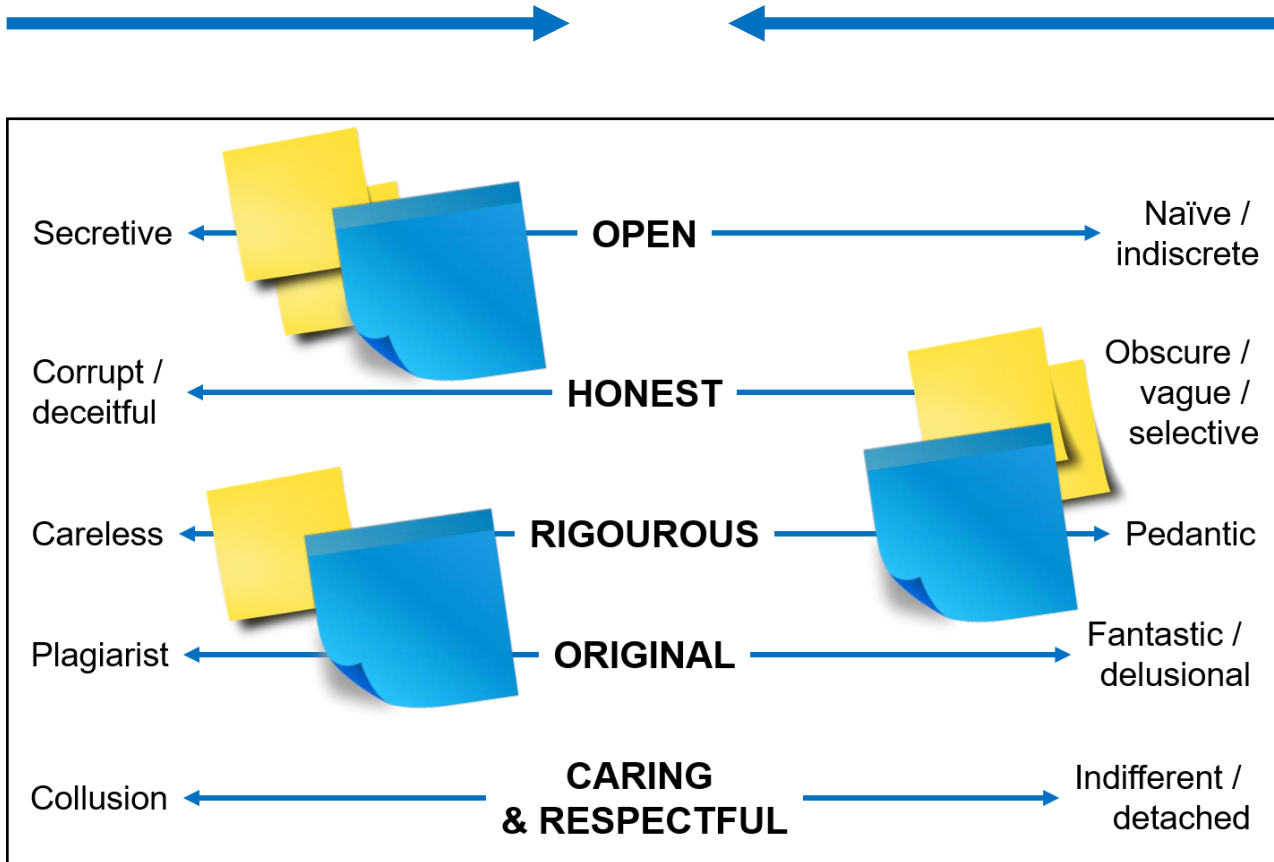


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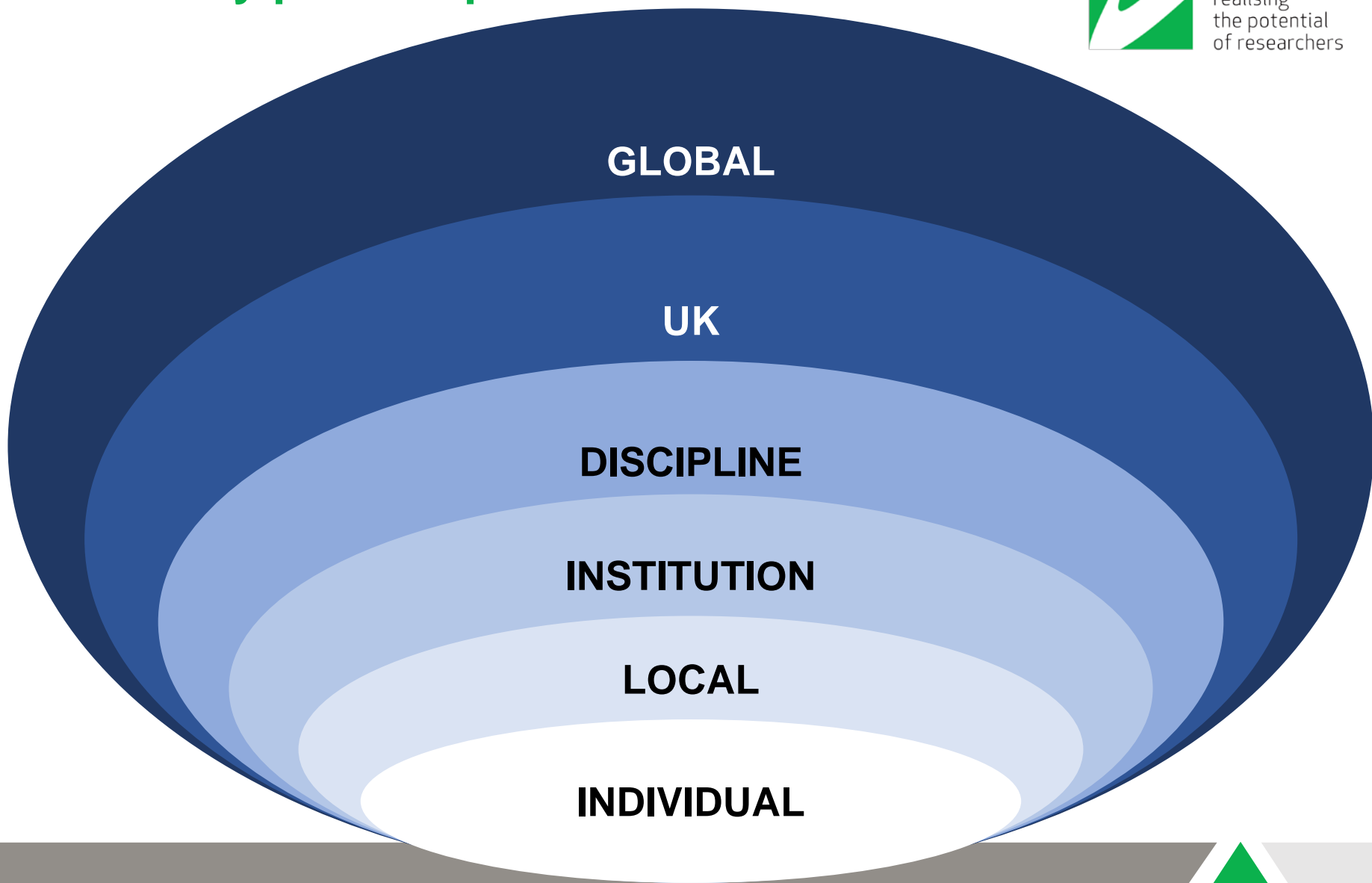
Activity part 2: Incentives

What 'incentives' in the research ecosystem *do* or *could* move these behaviours towards the centre?



Refreshment break

Activity part 3: Spheres of influence



Final reflections

On a post-it

- One change that could make a difference to research integrity
- One thing you will do differently

**If there is anything you would like to share
with the research team, please write it down!**

Thank you

You can contact the research team

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