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The Publication of the Knowledge Exchange Concordat

We appreciate the immense pressures on institutions at the current time. We are very proud of the way members have gone to great lengths to help the NHS at a time of crisis but also the ways in which universities and higher education providers have sought to help businesses, charities and wider communities. Relevant equipment has been donated, research stepped up, skilled staff and students made available and skills development supported.

Higher Education institutions through sharing and exchanging their resources and knowledge are in the forefront of supporting the nations and communities of the UK to address the current emergency and will continue to do so. The Knowledge Exchange Concordat provides a helpful framework of principles to support and promote effective knowledge exchange. These principles have been considered and widely endorsed by the sector and its representative bodies.

We are releasing the Knowledge Exchange Concordat today because we believe that its Principles are important now – and will be even more so in our recovery. In due course we will publish information on how we plan to implement the Concordat. We aim to take steps when it is right to do so, taking account of what is happening in universities, in partners and the wider world and supporting a focus on priority work and minimising pressures.

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