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Dear Professor Buckingham,

Letter of Commitment to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers

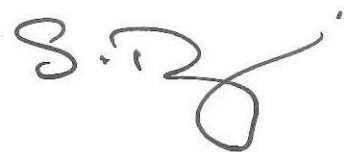
On behalf of the Academy of Medical Sciences, I am pleased to confirm our commitment to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers. The ambitions of the Concordat align with our mission to help create an open and progressive research sector to improve the health of people everywhere, and one of our strategic priorities is to support the next generation of researchers to reach their full potential.

The Academy fully supports the Principles of this revised Concordat and we intend to uphold our obligations and responsibilities as a signatory.

Our recent report, [Future Proofing UK Health Research: a people centred, coordinated approach](#), demonstrated our commitment to the principles of the Concordat. It highlights that to secure a sustainable future for research and deliver maximum health benefits for all, we must place people at the heart of the UK health research system and address challenges faced by researchers such as narrow, inflexible career structures.

We agree to work collectively and engage with initiatives to address systemic challenges in progressing towards a UK research system where researchers work in healthy and supportive environments. We agree that researchers should be recognised and valued for their contributions in research and beyond, supported in their professional and career development, and equipped and empowered to succeed in their chosen careers.

Yours sincerely



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