Develop new policies clarifying roles & responsibilities

Long term strategic plan

Identify the benefits of managing data

Ensure communication between different stakeholders

Drivers

Open access & research impact

The government expect publically funded research data to be as accessible as possible. Researchers can receive credit for publishing research data outputs via data citation.

Advocacy

Researchers receive credit for re-use of published data

RDSO support for preparation of Data Management Plans

Institutional template for the DMP Online tool

Clarify potential for data sharing in new contracts

Expand use of Virtual Research Environments e.g. Sakai

Automate data capture & embed in the research workflow

Assign metadata at the point of data production

Investigate legal implications of cloud storage

Encourage use of managed storage to prevent data loss

Provide secure facilities to enable data sharing with collaborators

Support and training

Help with funding proposals - data management plans

Workshops in Researcher Development Unit

Guidelines for data storage

Focal website for all RDM resources

Funder mandates

EPSRC require institutions to comply with their expectations for research data management by 2015. Most major funding councils have similar expectations of the research they fund.

Data is an important product of research that should, as far as possible, be accessible for re-use. This requires key stakeholders from across the institution to develop mechanisms that enable data management throughout the research lifecycle.