

Meeting:	SUHI Board		
Paper Title:	Intellectual Property Policy		
Date:	July 2022		
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Decision / Action required by meeting:			
Discussion and approval of draft Policy			
High Level Summary:			
<p>A policy on IP is required to protect the collective IP generated through research, consultancy, KE and teaching activities at SUHI.</p> <p>UHI have an overarching policy that covers research and APs are expected to adopt the basic approach outlined in that.</p> <p>There is separate UHI Guidance relating to IP generated by student research activities which would be adopted and covered within the attached draft.</p> <p>UHI does not appear to have a separate IP policy relating to teaching activities (despite reference to one in the Research policy).</p> <p>Of most relevance to teaching is the current UHI guidance on copyright. However it is important that teaching staff are aware of IP and of SUHI ownership of teaching materials produced by them.</p> <p>The attached draft follows the structure adopted previously by NAFC, where one IP policy covered all activities and was aligned with relevant UHI policies.</p>			
Key Issues for attention of meeting:			
<p>Research Enterprise & Knowledge Transfer committee are in agreement with content of Policy. Policy presented at SMG on 14/6/2022 and no further edits proposed.</p> <p>Opportunity for discussion / suggestion of amendments / Approval from Board.</p>			
Impact of item / issues on:			
Students:	Provide clarity on IP ownership.		
Staffing/Workforce:	Provide clarity on IP ownership and responsibilities around this. Clarity on copyright.		
Finance/Resource:	None		
Equality & Diversity:	None		
Legal Issues:	Senior staff and project PIs should be aware that IP agreements are required within project agreements/ contracts.		
GDPR:	GDPR needs to be considered on a case-by-case basis for projects.		
Previously considered by:			

Committee/Group:

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