

## Scenario Planning: End States

### End State 1

The University has a high level policy on RDM and a well-developed support service, led by the library but drawing on expertise and resources across professional services. There is a fully developed and integrated infrastructure bringing together the CRIS, cloud based storage for active data and a local institutional research data repository (with an appraisal process and a preservation plan in place). A portion of the operational budget is allocated to cover the costs of the RDM infrastructure, however new developments are being piloted using short term research grants. The Research Office runs a busy DMP advisory service. Other advice and training is well coordinated drawing on staff from across the library, IT and research office.

### End State 2

The responsibility for RDM is seen to lie with researchers, especially grant holders. Although data management is mentioned as part of the policy on research good practice, there is no dedicated RDM policy. The institution has a basic RDM support and signposting service which is coordinated by the research office as part of its responsibility for research integrity. The service is primarily web based, with one full time and one part time member of staff. Their main focus is advice on DMPs. A well-developed training programme has been designed by the library aimed at PGRs and ECRs. However, primary responsibility is placed on researchers to manage their data, in accordance with funders' requirements (if any). The University has no dedicated infrastructure in place to support the management of active data, nor the curation of inactive data, instead leaving this to individual researchers or academic departments to make suitable arrangements.

### End State 3

The university has a RDM policy in place. Support is offered in a loosely coordinated way by professional services, but some faculties have well-developed RDM approaches which continue to flourish. There is a central support service coordinated between the library and IT, with a guidance web site, online tutorials and a workshop programme. The research office run a DMP advisory service separately. RDM training run by the library is embedded in other training programs where there are clear synergies, e.g. doctoral training and early career researcher induction. The IT service negotiates directly with researchers who need special arrangements for data storage: there is no plan for a university-wide service to support active data storage. The university library is part of a consortium that has built a shared metadata catalogue for research datasets.