Please see below a brief summary of the main topics of discussion at the recent meeting of UCRI:

**Main topics of interest:**
At this meeting we:

- Discussed an initial draft report on research related diversity and inclusion data developed by the Planning and Strategy Office to support the monitoring of research activity against specific characteristics in core research areas. These data serve to provide assurance of fair practice, impact of initiatives, and flag potential issues for further investigation. The final data will be shared widely with schools and departments.

In other news we:

- Agreed to engage with events around the Research England consultation on knowledge exchange.
- Talked about a successor to Dr Phil Newton to lead on UKRN, RED Fund and Open Research Action Plan.
- Heard about the launch of the Research Evaluation in Recruitment and Promotion Working Group and the first phase of work.