RIS Upgrade

What’s new?

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In September 2022 the RIS will be upgraded to a more recent version the software platform.

Things will look a little different and some menu items will change but the core functionality remains the same, so you should get used to it fairly quickly.

The key changes are summarised in this document. The guides to various part of the system will updated and will available in the RIS Help or on the staff portal.
The layout and look of the homepage has been redesigned to create an action-oriented dashboard.

The new homepage features configurable ‘tiles’ and you can choose which tiles are displayed on your homepage.

Click here to configure the tiles
Access the Menu using the Menu button top left

Edit your homage using the Configure Homepage button bottom left

Links to home, your profile and the Reporting Hub can also be found on the left hand bar
Menus

The main menu structure of the RIS has been redesigned to focus on key uses.

You may find that some menu items have moved to a new section.

A new ‘search’ functionality has been introduced, allowing the menu to be browsed more easily.
The upgrade introduces a more extensive privacy framework to allow the RIS to support a greater range of data types, including more sensitive data types.

The concept of **Object Privacy** has been introduced to provide fine grained control over data access for both the institution and researchers. In most cases the Object Privacy of a data type is set by Essex.
Privacy

Relationship privacy allows you to manage the visibility of your relationships with an object. This replaces the ‘eye’ visibility icon in the old version.

Marking a relationship as private does not affect the visibility of an object in the RIS. Objects with relationships marked as private may still be visible but your relationship with the object will not be displayed (e.g. a publication might still be sent to a co-authors public profile but it will not appear on your profile).

Relationship privacy is managed independently from object privacy. However, relationship privacy level is linked intrinsically to the object. If the object you are linked to has a more restrictive privacy level than your chosen relationship privacy setting, the system will automatically calculate an effective privacy setting aligned to the more restrictive level.
The way we record Impact has been improved to collect greater detail and align with the Essex Impact Toolkit. A new guide for Impact has been created by the REO Impact Team. You will find it via the RIS Help menu or on the staff portal once the upgrade is complete.
The Reporting Hub is now the central home for reporting within the RIS.

If your role involves running reports from the RIS, the Reporting Hub now contains dashboards, a range of formatted reports and data extracts.
Need help?

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