



A guide to preparing a data management plan for the ESRC



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. O@' 21-!#. 2%-!/-3!/')' !P1. (. 2' \$\$C!(-!\$-(1. 2!), ' (!<d!O- (), *!32-O!), . !. (/!-3!), . !12' (R!)-!' \$\$-+!3-2!
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