

# Supporting Researchers then and now...



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Then... Nov  
2012



Focus Groups &  
Needs



Communicating  
with researchers



Now...

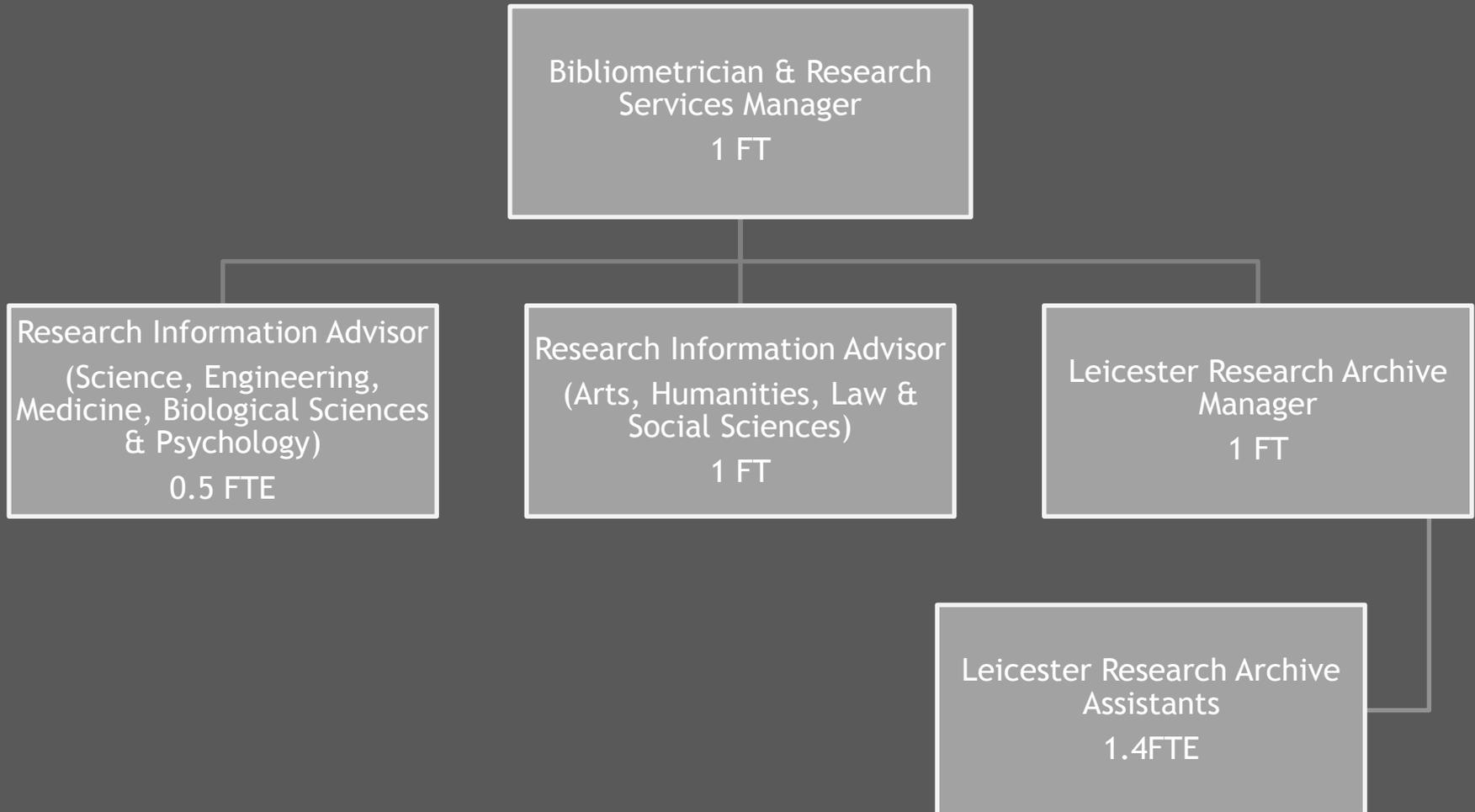
Then... Nov 2012...

What's this mean for me?

- Currently:
  - 0.5 FTE Information Librarian
  - Engineering, Computer Science & Maths (3 Depts)
- Will be:
  - 0.5 FTE Research Information Advisor
  - Science, Engineering, Medicine, Biological Sciences & Psychology (17 Depts!)



# Research Support Team



# What do researchers want?

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Focus Groups, Interviews,  
Visits

**PhDs – training,  
networking, signposting**

**Researchers – OA,  
bibliometrics**





# PhD Training...now

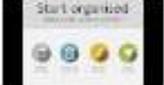
- Central programme  
– mapped to RDF  
& central booking
- Lit searching, bib  
software,  
communication  
skills, tools
- Online tutorials



# October 2014

now!



- 1  Introduction to...Research Data Management
- 2  Introduction to...reference management
- 3  Introduction to...the Library





# Plan your literature search

## 1. How confident are you in finding and managing information?

Use this **self-assessment questionnaire**  [PDF, 186 KB] to reflect on your literature searching skills and identify areas you might need to develop.

## 2. What does the information landscape look like? [Interactive tutorial, 3 minutes]

Review the information and publishing landscape and think about how it relates to your research area. Identify important types of information you will need for your research. The types of information you need will affect where and how you search.

## 3. Why is literature searching important? [Video, 3 minutes]

The type of research and literature review you are doing will affect the type of literature search strategies you will need to use.

## 4. What is your search strategy? [Video, 2 minutes]

What types of search strategy do you already use? What other types of search strategy will you also need to use?

## 5. Can you improve your search results? [Interactive tutorial, 3 minutes]

This section focuses on keyword searching and search techniques such as truncation, wildcards, phrase searching and limits to help you understand the elements of an effective search strategy

## 6. Now have a go at planning a **keyword search strategy** for your research topic using sections 1-5 of the **planning template** [PDF]

## 7. Where can you find sources for your research? [Video, 3 minutes]

Identify how to obtain materials relevant to your research then complete section 6 of the **planning template**  [PDF]

# Webinars

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Camera and Video

Attendees List (1)

- Heidi (2)
- Robin Shute (1)
- Robin Shute 2 (1)
- Participant (1)
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- Robin Shute
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Chat (1 message)

Robin Shute 2: Good evening! The speaker will start at 12pm (GMT). Please switch on the video when you start 'listening' (to check you speakers are working properly).

From Heidi (10:58 AM)



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## Journal impact factors: use and misuse

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Research Services Manager & Bibliometrician  
University Library  
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Robin Shute: No, you have time to get a cup of tea before we start.

Heidi (10:58 AM): I need to get a cup of tea.

Robin Shute: we'll be looking in a few moments as that's why I've given a time, we haven't started yet.

Heidi (11:00 AM):

Robin Shute 2: Hello Heidi, will be looking at half past. Could you please tell me your own name and department? Thanks.

Heidi (11:02 AM): My name is Heidi, I'll attend with the business school.

Robin Shute: Hi, Heidi, welcome - can you tell me your name and department?

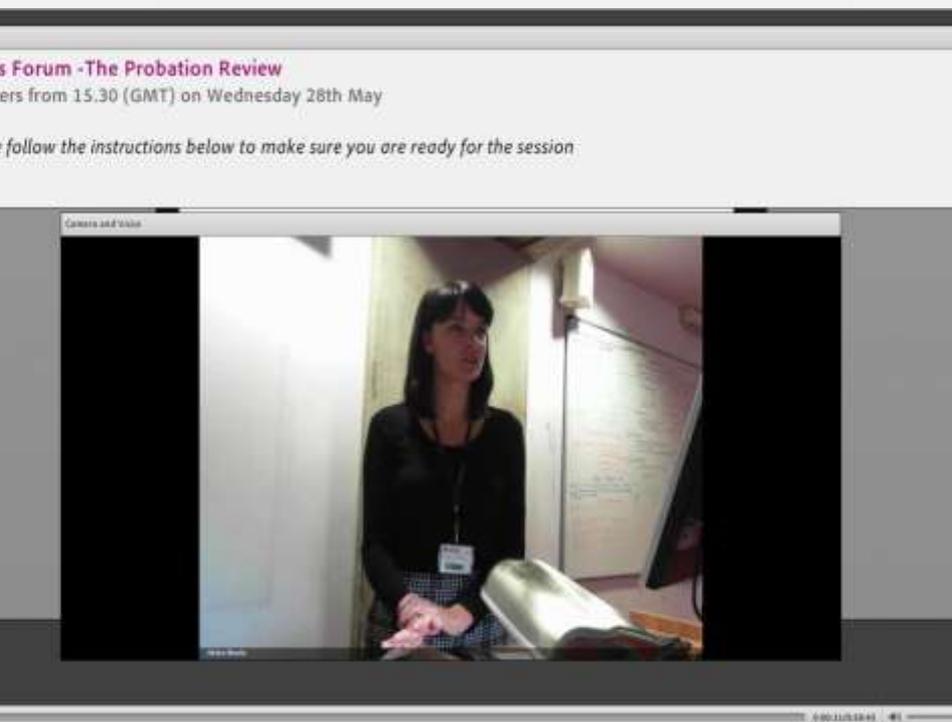
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### Thesis Forum - The Probation Review

Speakers from 15.30 (GMT) on Wednesday 26th May

Please follow the instructions below to make sure you are ready for the session

Camera and Video

Robin Shute

# Communication

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