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1.0 PURPOSE

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) describes the process for testing the University of Edinburgh (UoE) disaster recovery process for bespoke databases developed by the Edinburgh Clinical Trials Unit (ECTU).

2.0 SCOPE

This SOP applies to all University of Edinburgh staff employed within ECTU that develop bespoke databases.

3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

This SOP is applicable to all ECTU Software Developers who are involved in bespoke database management.

4.0 PROCEDURE

4.1 Preparing for a Disaster Recovery Test

4.1.1 A disaster recovery process test must be performed every 2 years.

4.1.2 Contact the WGH IT team to agree a testing date

4.2 Performing the Disaster Recovery Test

4.2.1 With the support of the WGH IT Team, a copy of the selected project database and Webapp are made.

4.2.2 The WGH IT prepares a blank database to restore the back up into. After restoring the backup, it is then compared to the live database. An exact match is expected between the schemas.

4.2.3 When comparing the data, any differences will be investigated to confirm they are due to changes that occurred after backup. The audit trails could be used for this purpose.

4.2.4 Configure the recovery Webapp to point to the recovered database. Perform a brief review to confirm accuracy.

4.2.5 Perform a file comparison between the recovery Webapp folder and the live Webapp folder, to confirm that they are identical (apart from the change to the configuration files).

4.3 Successful Test Outcome

4.3.1 If section 4.2 has been completed successfully, inform the WGH IT team to remove the recovery Webapp and database.

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4.3.2 Record the successful test outcome, with supporting evidence, the output from the database comparison and webapp file comparison, in [Disaster Recovery Test](#) folder on the shared drive

4.4 Unsuccessful Test Outcome

4.4.1 If any of the following occur then the test is considered unsuccessful -

- The recovery process fails,
- Database Schema comparison fails,
- Data comparison fails, and difference cannot be attributed to changes since backup,
- File comparison of the Webapp folder fails.

If any of the above occur, then repeat steps from section 4.2

4.4.3 If the test is now successful, record the outcome on the IT008 Disaster Recovery Test template and follow the steps for a successful test outcome

4.4.4 If the test is unsuccessful, contact the WGH IT team and inform them an investigation must be carried out to determine the reason for the failed test.

4.4.5 Once WGH IT have rectified the fault, perform a new disaster recovery test following the steps described in this SOP.

5.0 RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND REFERENCES

- **IT008 ECTU Disaster Recovery Test Template** ([on shared drive](#))

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