Open Access, Data management and emerging challenges to International Research

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Open Access Publications

- Research Publications & Copyright Policy adopted in April 2022
- Asserts author’s ownership of copyright in the first instance
- Supports authors to make their publications Open Access upstream of publisher-imposed embargo periods
- Allows easy compliance with Wellcome Trust, UKRI, EU and Plan S Policy
Research Publications & Copyright Policy (2021)

- Confirms members of staff own the copyright to their scholarly works.
- Upon acceptance of publication each staff member grants the University of Edinburgh a CC BY licence to their publication.
- Applies to all scholarly articles, authored or co-authored while the person is a staff member.
- Deposit the AM in a digital repository, with article metadata available immediately upon deposit and the AM being made accessible to the public on the date of first online publication.
- Opt out in case of difficulties.
- Standard address convention (citations).
- Strongly encourages use of ORCID unique identifiers.
Open Research Data

- University of Edinburgh refreshed policy in January 2022
- Much stronger emphasis on Data Management Planning
- Data should be FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable)
- Greater emphasis on individual responsibility, baked up by high quality support services
Overall Approach to Open Research

• We make a point of talking about "Open Research" rather than "Open Science" as we are a broad-based University and the principles can apply across disciplines.
• Inclusive approach working with various groups and organisations across the University. Co-ordination offered by Library Research Support, working with Research Strategy Group.
• Working to an Open Research Roadmap, developed with LERU (League of European Research Universities)
New challenges (and opportunities) to International Open Research

• National Security Bill – proposed, in 2nd reading.
• Foreign Interference Registration Scheme (proposed) requiring UK universities to report foreign donations and partnerships valued over £50,000.
• Scottish Government Data Strategy for Health and Social Care
• ICO: new management: John Edwards - UK IC - 5 year appointment. Was IC from New Zealand
International Data Transfers

- Transfer takes place when any personal data is visible in a non-UK region. (even if data never physically moved outside the UK). Exemption for University staff accessing from an international location.

- ICO’s focus on the broader context of an international transfer beyond ‘just’ having the Model Clauses (or the new UK equivalent, the IDTA) in place.

- Should also be a full legal contract in place with any recipient of personal data.

- Strong security measures in international transfers even more important now, especially following the Schrems II decision.
Information Security standards?
Cyber Essentials vs ISO 27001 and others
Making the Most of BREXIT?

Proposed new legislation includes:

• Bills of right to potentially replace the Human Rights Act
• Replacement of GDPR
• Public Order Bill