

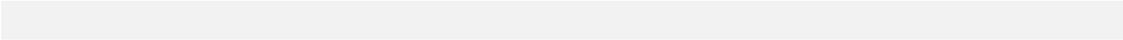


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HEALTH SERVICE EXECUTIVE'S OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING STATEMENT

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Health Service Executive's (HSE) Open Access (OA) Publishing Statement

The purpose of this document is to outline the HSE's support for the concept and practice of **Open Access Publication**. Open access publication has been defined separately by three statements known as the "BBB definition" which represents the "Budapestⁱ (Feb 2002), Bethesdaⁱⁱ (June 2003), and Berlinⁱⁱⁱ (Oct 2003) statements. The definition of an Open Access Publication is:

"one that is freely available on the public internet, permitting any users to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of these articles, crawl them for indexing, pass them as data to software, or use them for any other lawful purpose, without financial, legal, or technical barriers other than those inseparable from gaining access to the internet itself. The only constraint on reproduction and distribution, and the only role for copyright in this domain, should be to give authors control over the integrity of their work and the right to be properly acknowledged and cited. Open access to peer-reviewed journal literature is the goal"
Budapest Open Access Publishing Statement

Released February 14, 2002

Background & Definition

The Minister of State Department of Enterprise, Jobs & Innovation and Department of Education & Skills with responsibility for Research & Innovation Sean Sherlock launched a statement on the National Principles for Open Access Policy on Monday 22nd October 2012. The HSE is listed as a supporting organisation of this statement. This is the first statement on Open Access Publishing by the HSE.

Free access to publicly funded research is supported by International, European and National organisations.^{iv} The HSE takes decisions based on evidence and endeavours to deliver the best possible care within available resources^v. The HSE is supported in fulfilling its mission by access to evidence based published research. Open Access is the free, immediate, online availability of high-quality, peer-reviewed research results^{vi} with the potential to transform the way we communicate and deliver our healthcare service. This immediate access offers the potential to enhance our knowledge and has potential benefits for both patient care and safety. The HSE supports open access publishing with the statement detailed below which complies with the National Statement on open access publishing and to ensure safe practice in healthcare delivery.

The HSE's Position Statement on Open Access Publication

The HSE is committed to sharing the findings of its research as widely as possible to enhance its use and its impact on the population it serves. In support of this goal, the HSE Management Team have agreed that:

Where copyright permits, all research outputs published in peer-reviewed journals since 1 January 2009 must be made freely available in Lenus, www.lenus.ie the HSE's Irish Health Repository. This should be the final peer-reviewed, pre-publication version of the paper where copyright restricts the use of the published version.

Authors are gratefully encouraged to deposit other types of research outputs (including book chapters, theses, reports, conference presentations, posters and grey literature) in Lenus where copyright permits.

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This open access publishing statement applies to:

- All HSE employees
- All research funded by the HSE including people engaged in research on behalf of the HSE

The HSE recognises that

- Many employees of the HSE already use open access publication by publishing official HSE documents which are made freely available on the HSE website and by publishing journal articles in open access journals, or in journals with paid open access options or by making the final peer-review version available in Lenus.
- Given the current promotion by HSE of using open access publishing, the HSE's Regional library^{vii} together with Health Intelligence is actively working on raising the awareness about the value and opportunities that open access publishing offers health professionals via Lenus the Irish health repository.

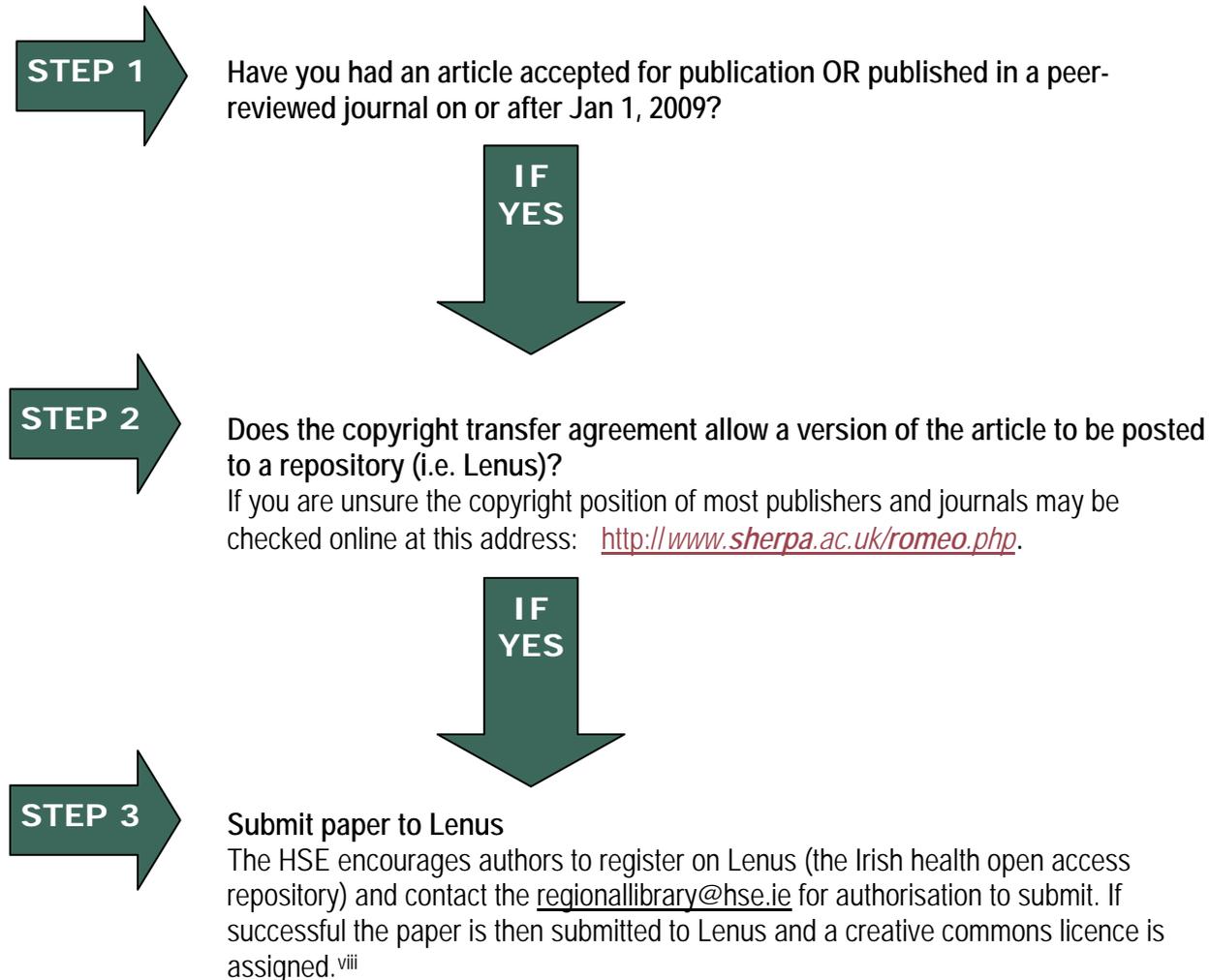
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Harvard University was the first to adopt an Open Access policy in 2008 which has proven successful having freed readers from excessive publisher pricing, provided authors with greater citation and changed the landscape of learning. This was followed by Stanford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Libraries, John Hopkins libraries and in the area of health Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the National Institutes of Health in the USA. In the UK, the Department of Health, Medical Research Council, Research Councils UK (RCUK), Wellcome Trust all have open access policies in place. In Ireland, the Health Research Board, Science Foundation Ireland, Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT),

HSE, Irish Research Council (IRC) and Trinity College Dublin (TCD) have successfully implemented open access policies or mandates.

This statement from the HSE provides the remit for the Regional library to build the capacity of open access publishing in term of increasing the volume and quality of open access publications from which staff, readers and agencies may benefit with the ultimate aim of improving patient care. The Regional Library is committed to supporting this initiative.

Steps for contributing to open access publication:



Please note:

Include Lenus in Citations

Authors are asked to include Lenus as part of any future citations.

e.g. Naughton C., Drennan J., Hyde A., Allen D., O'Boyle K., Felle P. & Butler M. (2012) An evaluation of the appropriateness and safety of nurse and midwife prescribing in Ireland. Journal of Advanced Nursing Lenus: <http://www.lenus.ie/hse/handle/10147/247611>

This paper provides the HSE Statement on Open Access Publication. For any additional information please contact the Regional Library, Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin 8.

ⁱ See <http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/openaccess/read>

ⁱⁱ See <http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/bethesda.htm#definition>

ⁱⁱⁱ See <http://oa.mpg.de/lang/en-uk/berlin-prozess/berliner-erklarung/>

^{iv} See open access policies of National Institutes of Health, European Science Foundation, European Research Advisory Board, National Steering Committee on Open Access Policy

^v Health Service Executive Corporate Plan 2005-2008 p.17

^{vi} Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition Definition See

<http://www.arl.org/sparc/openaccess/funds/fundsfaq/index.shtml>

^{vii} Refers to HSE Regional Library & Information Service, Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin 8.

^{viii} See <http://www.creativecommons.org/licenses/>