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Open Access in the post-2014 Research Excellence Framework

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Introduction

1. This circular announces the publication of the UK higher education funding bodies' policy for open access publishing in the post-2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF). This follows formal consultation on proposals during autumn 2013.

Background

2. The UK higher education funding bodies published initial proposals for arrangements for open access publishing in the post-2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) in February 2013 as the basis for informal comment and advice. Proposals for formal consultation were subsequently published in autumn 2013 (circular W13/26HE).

Consultation Responses

3. The UK-wide consultation received nearly 200 written responses from UK HEIs, representative bodies, learned societies, subject associations, publishers and other individuals. Responses were received from all universities in Wales.
4. The funding bodies have used the consultation responses to shape the final open access policy.

Open Access Policy

5. The outcomes of the consultation process and the UK HE funding bodies' policy on open access publication in the post-2014 REF can be accessed at <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2014/201407/#d.en.86771>
6. A link to this material has also been published alongside this circular under secondary documents.

Further information

7. For further information on any issues specific to Wales, contact Linda Tiller (tel 029 2068 2228; email linda.tiller@hefcw.ac.uk). For general queries on open access contact Ben Johnson (tel 0117 931 7038) or email openaccess@hefce.ac.uk.