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# The challenges of open access in the UK

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1. How did the UK get here?
2. Why did the UK get here?
3. UK policies now
4. Challenges
5. What next? Review of policy, CSR...

- 2005-11 Incremental growth, repositories, reports, Research Council policies, Wellcome / UKPubMedCentral
- 2012 Finch Report, UK Government support, revised Research Council policies
- 2012 EC recommendations to member states
- 2014 Funding Councils OA policy for next REF
- 2015 Revision...

## Balancing...

- » academic freedom
- » value for money
- » administrative simplicity
- » competitive market
- » productivity/growth
- » publishing industry
- » learned societies / publishers
- » assumptions about rest of the world
- » dual funding for universities



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Policy	Journal articles / published conference papers	Monographs
RCUK (£2.3bn p.a.)	Immediate Gold OA, under CC-BY, APC paid, or Embargoed Green OA	No requirement, but encouragement and active consideration
Wellcome Trust (£700m p.a.)	Immediate Gold OA, under CC-BY, APC paid, or Embargoed Green OA	Immediate Gold OA, under CC-BY-NC/D, BPC paid, or Embargoed Green OA
REF (1.6bn p.a.)	Deposit at acceptance (delayed..) Discoverable by publication OA within ~RCUK embargo limits	No requirement this time, but active consideration for future
EC Horizon 2020 (£67bn over six years)	Deposit by publication Immediate Gold OA, APC paid, or Embargoed Green OA	No requirement this time, but encouragement Funding for FP7

## 1. Achieving compliance

- Research Excellence Framework and EC Horizon 2020 – Deposit in repositories
- Research Councils and Wellcome Trust – Payment to publishers for publication in journals
- [Complicated policy environment...]

## 2. Constraining costs

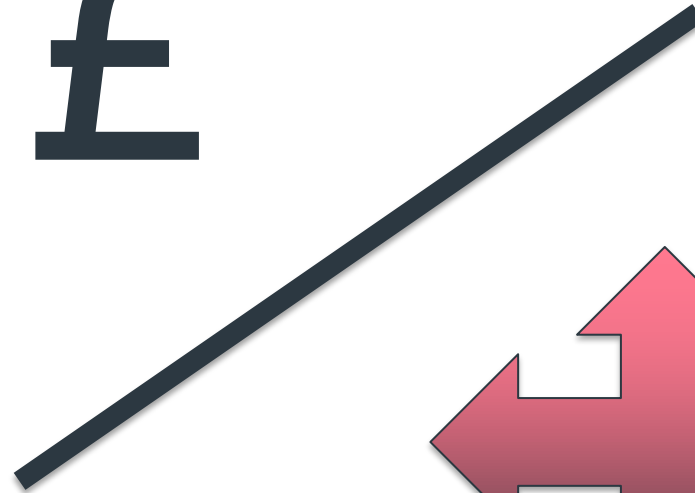
- Total expenditure on journals by universities / funders (subscriptions + OA)
- Administrative burden:
  - New workflows for OA – paying APCs, reporting on compliance...
  - New models, eg offsetting agreements with publishers

## 3. Realising benefits

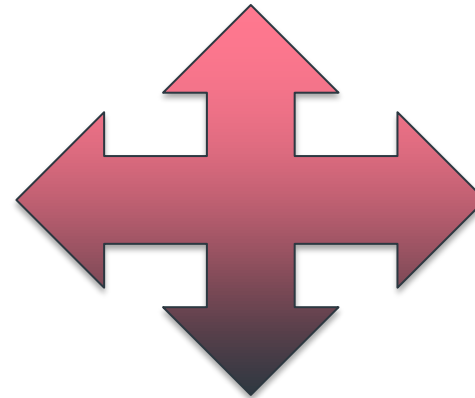
- Maximising visibility of research
- Tracking reach and use and, where possible, impact

# Reviews

Spending



Policy



Thanks for listening.

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